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A Banker recommends Peter Symons of San Plymouth. Days Cove and bay about 5 miles below Plymouth a Ship may lay 24 hours at least & perhaps several days without paying light monies. a good safe harbor exposd to winds E to Southerly only –

If any money is ord for Seth Knowles send it to T Weatherbys Staunton for Zephaniah Richmond

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9mo 9. 1800

To Peter R Dalton

We now inclose thee a Check from the U S Bank dated 2nd inst. in our favour for $2000 endorsed payment received in account which please to place to our Credit and oblige thy respectful Friends ~ Wm Rotch Junr & Co

To John Rogers

9mo 9. 1800

Thy favr of 8th to our W R Junr we have just received & shall gladly furnish thee with the 70 Boxes Sperm Candles on a liberal Credit - say interest after 6 months & payable anytime within 12 mo at 50 Cts ~ We are at present pretty well supplied with the articles thou offers perhaps we may want 5 or 6 Hhds Molasses or we will agree to take that number if good, for our purpose ~ We are &c

To Samuel & M Fisher

9mo 9. 1800

We have this evening recd your obliging favr of the 2nd Inst and a few days past one of Capt Norton with a sm parcel of Mellons for which you have our united thanks ~ in your last was inclosed a Check for $2000 which shall be plac'd to your Credit ~ E Stocker was very lately a respectable Merchant & we have nothing to the contrary & we doubt not he could readily collect his note, he has been our Correspondent at Newbury Port ~

We wish you for the present to hold the residue of the money for our future orders as we may find it convenient to have it paid in New York ~ Our dear friend A Hunt has made us a very acceptable visit & left us on fifth day last for Providence accompanied by br S Rodman his Companion were in good health

We are &c

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To Arnold Welles Jun.r 9 mo 9. 1800

We are oblig'd by thy 2 favours relative to our enquiries for Insurance of the Ann & Wareham

As our W R's brother B R is a Legal Citizen of the U States there Ships were regester'd in his name as a Citizen they go out in exactly the same manner, but left his residence in England during the Voyage might effect a decision in case of capture we do not shoose any warrantry but as the Wareham was examin'd on her passage out & suffered to proceed we think they stand nearly on a footing with warranted american Ships & on looking over our letters we find the probability is if they are ready full they may terminate their Voyage on the coast of Brazil short of C Horn of course the Voyage will be shorter & not so much risk & as they will go out with orders to return directly to Milford & Market we would propose 1 3/4 %. "at & from the Port of Milford "to & at the Southern Whale fishery & usually Hawk to Milford with "liberty to stop at Cork outward to return 3 %. if the Ships do not "go round Cape Horn & arrives safe without stop"— Should these terms without any warrantry meet the approbation of the Assurers we wish £6500 ₰ on the Ann P Coleman Master & £5000 ₰ on the Wareham J Guinn Master value of Ship & Outfitts with the Premiums thereon to be added to be made as soon as convenient & we shall be obliged by thy early information if the terms are accepted we with the Premium not to fall due until the termination of the risk

Near &

To William Bartlett 9mo 16. 1800

We take the liberty to request thy obtaining the acceptance of the indorsed dft S & N Fisher upon Eb. Stocker for $1000 and returned us by first post. And whenever thou can find us useful to thee we shall freely render thee any service in our power — We are &c

To Arnold Welles Esq. 9mo 16. 1800

We are obliged by thy communication of the 15th upon the subject of Insurance, & accede to thy proposition and request thou will immediately have twenty five Thousand Dollars effected upon each Ship the Ann & Wareham & their Outfits valued as before Stated — we wish the company to have taken the whole amount but if they are not willing we must apply to our friend Taylor to do the remainder — Please to inform us when it is done & we will subscribe the notes on their being sent us, & speak to some of our friends to call for the Policies — We are &c

To Arnold Welles Junr 9mo 16. 1800

Our Note for $2002. 75 for the Prem.m on $2500 Insurance upon Ship Warehams Cargo having fallen due we now inclose our Check therefor & for the amo.t of the additional Premium thereon @ 2½ p.C. is also included in the same Check being estimated on $23148 is $586 having first deducted $1552 your proportion of $1800 for Insurance of Stores Stores not entitled to the additional Premium —

We are &c

To Joseph Taylor 9mo 17. 1800

Concluding ere this the Wareham's Cargo has all safely arrived in London we now inlore thee our Chuck for $94 that being the amt. of the additional premium due on our last Insurance of $10000 upon Ship Wareham's Cargo after deducting $248 thy proportion of $1800 for amt. of staves &c not entitled thereto, being included in the whole Insurance of $29000 — Wear &c

To Arnold Welles Jr. 9mo 17. 1800

Our Note for $2002,75 for Premium on Insurance upon Wareham's Cargo having fallen due we now inlore thee our Chuck $1838.75 and have requested Israel Munson to pay to the $750 making together $2588.75 which sum includes $586 for the additional premium of 2½ p%. upon the above Insurance of $25000 after deducting your proportion of $1800 amt. of S &c Staves included therein and not entitled to the additional Premium —

Wear &c

Israel Munson 9mo 18. 1800

Our mutual frd Wm Gd have informed me that thou would pay for acct of thy acceptance of the 18th Inst for $2250 at 8 $750 as an Share Notes Abell, & a note for Premium I shall be obliged by thy paying them that same as soon as thou can & please inform W Dean we have made arrangements to pay the same immediately in Phia —

On thy payment & information it shall be endorsed upon thy acceptance and

Wear &c

To B Roth 9mo 20. 1800

Since ours of the 17th inst 9mo 18. we have rec'd thy favours of 9mo 16. 20 & 21 with duplicates of the two first, & have endeavoured to obtain the Insurance as low as possible but have not been able to get it below 20 p%. at which the Comrs at Boston have wrote

$25000 on each Ship they objecting to take a larger sum on any one risk - we expect the residue to be wrote in I Office, at the same rate we have found it best to confine the risk fm Milford to the South Sea fishery with liberty to stop at Cork outwards & back to Milford, no warranty

From the progress of the Sickness in My & the stagnation at this season from the fear thereof, we have not been able to effect any sales of the Lydia's Cargo. ab.t 20 Tons of Coffee we have shipd there, only a few Bags are sold at 28 Cts we have ship'd p.r Ship Delight Capt W.m of this Port fm My ab.t 10 T of Coffee & 10 T Sugar for Hamburg Con.s G & Co.s & but for thy advice we should have endeavour'd to Ship most of it to Europe, thy last encourages us so to do, & it is our present intention as soon as the Lydia is repaired to Load her with it & go to Europe with the view of their going out with Dutch goods again to Batavia - We are much disappointed in the state of the Lydia's Beams finding she must have 8 new ones, but her Timber appears mostly sound but her beams wholly rotten & many of the knees - The engagement of the Carpenters have been such that we have but lately been able to obtain any -

The Rebeca returnd last week from Liverpool the Judge of the Admiralty at Halifax having given 5/8 for Salvage she has brought about 36 Tons this we have bought for thy acc.t at £32 ₱T and the Franklen arrived last evening with 150 or 160 Tons ab.t 100 of which perhaps All we expect we shall obtain most of it if so shall then have upwards of 200 Tons & shall procure a Ship as soon as possible and load her out Staves we have on the Wharf - We donot see how to put in practice thy plan for Whale Oil at present, we should be glad to do it to get the Cask of hand - If the Franklen was in our estimation a good Ship we should think of doing it immediately, but we fear we she is not a durable one - We shall however keep it in view - The Cargo of Lumber is suspended we presume as we have counter ordered it but have not heard the result - We are &c

To S & M Fisher

9 mo 22. 1800

Your esteemed favour of 9.th is duly rec.d inclosing the Bill on E Stocker for $1000 which we sent to Newbury Port & was return'd as last week Port accepted it falls due tomorrow & we doubt not will meet

due honour — Our W R J. aucpted on 28th Ult at 60 d. Sight W J G Deans Draft for $1500 in favour of R Denison Junr. (who we believe is agent for the house of Stokes in England) we are now in Cash $750 for them which we shall be glad if convenient for you to be paid & endorsed upon our said aucpt-ance, presuming that Denison will willingly wait as long time for the residue as this will be anticipated & should we be in Cash previous to the bill falling due we shall pay no regard to the time of sight, but pay it in Phila if we can make it convenient at the time — We shall probably send the Brussles when an opportunity offers — We are &c

To B Rotch 9 mo 30. 1800

Conforming the foregoing we have now to inform that we have purchased as much of the Franklin's Cargo to make up we suppose a little more than 200 Tons White Sp Oil Your A B is now in Boston waiting the Sale of a Copper Ship tomorrow of the event thou will be informed by this addition to this we hope to part of drawing until the first of 11 mo if we are oblig'd to obtain some accommodation at the Bank as we think bill will be higher should A B find any delay in negociateing at the Bank for our present accommodation he may draw not to exceed £500 we have given £78 for the head matter of the Franklin & Rebecca — We are &c

Peter Barker 10 mo 6. 1800

Thy fav enclosing a Pt an Cap. Mayhew for $285-17 cent duly rec'd & the like at 20 days sight aucpted on the 29th ult and as we have some money in the hands of our mutual frd S & M Pitcher we write them to pay thee that sum of which we intend to write them in a day or two without regard to the time of our rec't as we have no doubt of it being pd

when ours — Altho' Capt Mayhew seemd not
to expect the dft so soon — Thou need make
no apology for sending us this business
as it will ever afford us pleasure to render
thee any service in our power & we should
have given thee more early advice thereof
but for our being both for home last week

Yrs &c

John G Ladd — Boston 7. 1800

We duly rec'd thy obliging
favr of 7 mo 24 & have entered to thy Cr the
invoice flour & bread — the latter tho' high
we are glad to have as our necessity then
required it — In consequence of thy observations
relative to Candles & Coffee we avail ourselves
of the present conveyance to send thee
50 Boxes of the former & 10 bags excellent Java
Coffee which we hope thou will find
a ready sale for we doubt not by establishing
the seat of government at Washington
will occasion an additional demand for
Spt Candles — The Coffee we imported and
can recommend it being of better
quality than is usually imported from
Batavia and should thou find a good
sale for it at not less than 28 Cts & can
encourage our sending more we shall
like to do it if not thou all exported by
now preparing a ship to send it to Europe

We shall be glad of a Part of good ship
bread by the Dorcilla and as much flour
as thou may be able from our sales
to make convenient to send us fine
& superfine about equal quantities We
hope the Coffee will enable thee if from
no other sales

Yrs &c

2 Sam[l] & Miers Fisher 10mo 13. 1800

Your fav[r] of 1[st] w[t] P Sq[r]
is duly n[d] and we are obliged by your pay-
-ment of $750 to R Dennison as we shall
with an W[m] acceptance to be taken up
by you perhaps the balance of M Ginchels
note unused may be in season for
him or rather than send it here for
collection as we see no other way that
will be so convenient for us haveing expec-
tation of arranging with an Irish to
pay him in N[y] what may remain
in your hands he is now on the
point of departing with his family
perhaps in. all this week — we have
been seeking terms for a ship of the
the description you are likely to want
the only terms we have n[d] on for
ships Hunter pushed by J R Ross she is
ab[t] 260 Tons 117 ft hold 5 ft between decks &
26 ft beam are carried 396 Hh[ds] Tobacco
avaraging 1300 lb to go to Phi[a] thence to
Ireland Liverpool & back to Phi[a] for
£2500 British St[g] The Minerva of 200 is
daily expected from St Kits she will also want
a f[r] for the Hunter 60 running days
are offer'd — We should have wrote you
by Norton but Welbon was then
about to take some f[r] for us & to sail
in a few dys but finding his mast
defective he has been long detain'd
for a new one — Should you wish any
further endeavours for a ship we shall

chearfully attend thereto — By Wilbur
we have put the Kbs of Brittly each will
be necessary to weigh as we do not know
the tare of the Cask nor lb of Brittles they
came fm Russia for the first kind and
hope they will command 4/6 or more
but we shall submit to your judgmt
We are &c

Chas M Storrs Corno 17. 1860

Have already troubled
thee with J Holmes bill on Carpenter &c
for $500 I take the liberty to trouble
thee further of ly & Bell's acceptance fm
Wm Dean for $300 30 days fm 13th inst - and
as I suppose S Thompson holds my
own acceptance for $750 that falls due
about the last of this month I shall
be much obliged by thy early infor-
ming him that I have made ar-
rangements for taking it up in N York
& request on thy being in Cash for
them orders thou will pay that
off & forward it to me — I am &c

James M Storrs 10 mo 18. 1860

Thy letter of 1st inst coming to
hand while I was absent it was with some
others mislaid & we never saw it until this
day - but note the contents, the advance
in the price of the Matter is so great and all
our stock of Oil being likely to go out of
the country will no doubt much advance
the price, but should not wish to be under
any engagement for the oil short of

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10 mo 18, 1800

To J. Anthony & Co

We are much Obliged by your two Favours of Aug.t 30 & 4.t Ults the latter accompanying 866 Flour & half bbl Excellent Crackers for which please accept our thanks the flour is duly placed to your C.r we are glad you omitted the Mellons as we were very plentifully supplied by both Norton & Howland — We found the Statement of our accompt Corresponding with our books & shall be pleas'd you will send us A/c Sales of the 27 Ca Whale Oil & 4 Casks Presp.d D.o not waiting the Sales of the 35 Boxes Candles in the same Invoice as with the Oil a concern is involved that we wish speedily to settle —

When you can also furnish Sales of the Duck we shall be Oblig'd — that article has also found so speedy a sale with us, that we have no more to spare not having made any importation this season from Russia — We shall probably have occasion to make some payments in New York in which we shall be necessi-tated to draw upon you — Having 25 Casks of fine prep.d Oil remaining of last years Stock we have shipp.d by the Two Friends Cap.t Wilber hoping you will find a good Sale for it during the Winter. We contemplate some advance in this kind of Oil in consequence of the advance on H Matter we are now giving £78 when last year we purchased mostly at £60 — Body Oil is also advanced to about $150 p.r Ton — Should Cap.t Norton be still with you please to ship us 12 bbls best Flour & if convenient One hundred Dollars in Cents —

We are

To Sam.l & Miers Fisher

10 mo 20, 1800

Please to pay Peter Barker $285 17/100 for J Mayhews acceptance in his favour sent us for Collection — We are &c

John Rogers Lenox 28. 1800

Notwithstanding the length of 2 years I now propose for the payment for the 70 Boxes of Candles in Mine of the 11th Inst we have concluded to send them provided Capr Hill can find 6 Hhds of Molasses that will answer our purpose – Hill had some last time when we rec'd Mine but hope they will reach in season – after ascertaining the amt of the Molasses I shall forward the note as proposed to us – if equally agreable to send us 100 Gls NE Rum at the difference of the duty & distilling deducting the amt from the balance if send us only 5 Hhds of Molasses it will be convenient to us —

Until writing this we did not observe thy request of an early reply beg in daily expectation of Hills return omitted by post but if unreasonable we shall not be disappointed at your opening them

Yr ar Hs

Robert & John Bolton Lenox 28. 1800

We feel much hesitation upon so often troubling you upon the subject of our demands agt D Brown but your kind attention hereto fore we gratefully acknowledge / emboldens us further to solicit your assistance if any thing can be obtained – The note of Robinsons which rest with you & a bill we suppose Tillaghen sent you last winter with Robinsons endorsment

6R 75 Cts ply — we consider the fruit not yet broke whenever it is we shall either sell as others do or keep it for another season as we see no prospect of another stock of H M^a until the revival of the Fishery after peace takes place — We are &c

☞ The above belongs to J Harris letter

for $225 we took as collateral security we yet hold the note we are sent you accounting now with Interest to Nov^r month $922.78 should you any prospect of obtaining this or any part of it we shall be very glad of your assistance either by Law or otherwise & your advice therein — our neighbor H Butler promises to give you what information he can gain respecting his property as he is well aquainted with him his knowledge may be useful —

We are &c

To Benj^a Roth Boston 1 mo^th 1800

The Ship Recovery alluded to in the foregoing, was bid off at $14200 as she returned from an India Voyage, Six years Old, & not being fore paid for Coppering, was much more than her real value — We have however met with another Ship we hope will equally answer thy purpose — the Hannah & Eliza four years Old 262 Tons built at Newburyport, sails fast, not copperd nor prepaid for it — which Ship we purchased last evening for $8500 as she arrived from St Ubes — on a Credit of 2.4 & 8 months, she wants some repairs of Sails, Spars &c perhaps $1500 will complete her Hull for Sea, when we think she will be a sound strong Ship, being well built, & always employ'd in the European Trade — We shall endeavour to get her round to

Beaford in the course of ten days & dispatch her from there as soon as possible —

We have obtaind the accommodation at the Bank but as Exchange is now 2 or 3 ℘ Cent above Par, we may think best to sell a Bill before our A/B leaves Canton, in which case shall duly advise thee — we are &c

Hmo 4, 1800

Jos & John Dorr

Your obligeing fav is duly at hand & we are much obliged by your honoring Capt Paddocks bill for $143 with our thanks we now forward our Dft on J Munson for amt — we are sorry it is not in our power to accommodate you with specie at this time — but we have furnish'd Dickason with all we had perhaps by the time of y' Ships sailg we may be able to collect a few thousand —

If you have a ship bound to Canton this fall we shall be glad to write by her also to know if your Brother is ~~yet~~ likely to remain another season in Canton if not if you can recommend a person to advise Capt Barney to apply to there

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Isaac Hicks — Hmo 3. 1800

Thy letter & post & Saber are duly rec'd to the former we have to say that Wm Gifford is a man of stability and handsome property & we do not think would enter into any engagement but when his prospect was clear of fulfilling the same not being particularly acquainted with the circumstances of the other two we cannot speak clearly thereof but it is our opinion

& that they are safe more so for as they would be likely to engage & if Mr is holden with them it would clear all doubt in our mind as his prudence we think would govern his conduct —

We are like to make so little by our Batavian voyage that we are anxious to make the best of the Cargo but as we shall have considerable prem^m upon it by the next we are willing to leave this to consult our interest in the sale of the Coffee but hope it will command 27 ℔ Ct we have hoped that as business revived this fall it would advance —

We are glad to the Tar and place the Amo^t $75-66 to thy Cr — We hope thou will soon close sales of our candles as we hear they are moving —

Yours &c

Arnold Sweet & Co

Hhno 5. 1800

Being desirous to try your market for Sperm Candles we are induced to make a small shipment by the Sloop Susan Capt Thurman of 20 Boxes of w^ch Inv^o & Bill lading — We have invoiced them at the price they command here or in the Northern markets but hope you will be able to obtain more we however leave you to obtain more — We however submit to y^r judgment In Charlestown they used to fetch 58 660 Cts should y^r market encourage a shipment of Sperm oil or the Candles likely to find a ready sale please to advise us thereof as we have them at all times particularly the latter always on hand — Not having any business negociated in y^r place we are ignorant of the Custom we shall by y^r information on this head be obliged for the customary Com^n on sales & purchases & if any charge arise on

remittances of the proceeds are not laid out

We are &c

John Rogers Manila 3. 1800

Thy letter of 1st Inst reach'd us this day with thine & M Lippits bill of 5 Hhds of Molasses amot $139-68 & your note of hand for $866-65 and we now inclose a bill with ret thereon for 70 Bags Candy amo $1006-33 pd by 3d bill & note

We are &c

Benjamin Roth Manila 3. 1800

Since the preceding the Hd Eliza has been her lading and nearly 600 Tons are stowed, but we are yet unprovided with a master, hoping Obed Fitch who is hourly expected, would gladly take her - we shall however not wait much longer - we hope to reclaim the Lydia from the Carpenters in two weeks when we shall probably put her Cargo in, and send her to Canton for thine & Dickasons orders - we are again disappointed in our expectations of the rise of Sugar & Coffee we cannot reach more than 26 or 27 Cts for the latter, and Sugar is very low, the quality is good for that Country, but for various reasons we at present relinquish the plan for another Java voyage, & think she had better go up the Baltic and take back a cargo, either on joint acct, or our own, as may best suit thy interest, of this we shall hereafter write thee more fully - we have some prospect of M Delano, going Passenger in the H & E who will count one of 12, & we apprehend much difficulty in getting men of a proper description, but we must rely if we fail here upon stopping

10 at Cork, agreable to thy advice, last
spring — Thy letter from Cove of Cork we
lately rec^d, and shall have the insurance
done for the two Captains — We have no
other from thee since June 16 & 21, of the
former date 6 or 7 copies have reached us,
& before this, we hope thou art inform'd
the insurance was effected, agreably
to thy orders at 20 p^r C^t prem^m a 18 mo 6^m
W^m Meader has been in ab^t 2 weeks
no letter by him or Jeffries —
The Ship proves a very good purchase
and we think will clear thee —
We are &c

Isaac Hicks 11 mo 7. 1800

We wrote thee under
date 3^d ins^t post this goes p Taber by whose
return we request thou would ship us
20 Bbls Prime Beef & if thou thinks it is
favorable a time to purchase this article
& also Pork as it will be 2 or 3 weeks time
we wish thee to send us in addition to
the above 20 Bbls Beef & 8 Bbls Pork of the
same good quality & Debit our Account
Thy Invoice &c is duly R^d by thy ad^r —
We are
9^th mo 20^th 1800

Arnold Wells

Thy favor of this evening's mail inclosed
2 notes for Premium on Ship Ann and Wareham is duly
at hand the same is now returned herewith signed as
requested Ship Ann valued at $13333-33. Wareham
$11111-11, or 3000 & 2500 £ Stg which Sum we consider'd
to be included in 25000 $ on each respective balance and
outfits. we shall request the bearer G Russell to call
for the Policies which please to hand him,
Yours &c

11 mo 7. 1800

Thad[s] Maynard

Thy fa[r] of 1[st] is at hand by
which we observe what has just completed
the Sale of our last Shipt of Oil & Candles Sales
of which we shall be glad to have as soon as
convenient — Inclosed we hand thee
Invoice & B/Lading 50 Bo Sperm & Candles which
we hope will meet a ready Sale

Wm & Co

George Folger Jun[r] 11 mo 7 - 1800

Inclosed is L Coffin 2[nds] note
which he has requested us to send thee for
Settlement - We were to receive of Shubael
the full amt of L Coffin p[r] 20/ in £ but
what he fell short of doing we were to
bear our proportion but do not expect
any expenses have incurd that will belong
to us to pay — Should L Coffin have cancelled
his note would thank thee to note it to
us —

Wm & Co

To J & J Dorr 11 mo 8. 1800

Your esteemed favour p[r] this evenings Post
is duly at hand & are oblig'd by the Information it contains —
We have about $2000 in Sperm which we shall endeavor
to forward to you in the course of the coming week should we be
able to meet with a suitable person to take the care of it having
an opperturnity to draw on Boston in favour of some of our
Traders to accommodate them, we have this day drawn on you for
$900 in fav[r] L Jenne & $150 fav[r] R Delano which you will please
to honour - We are pleased in having an opperteunity of serving you
herein & if you will compensate the Stagemen for transportation, we
shall feel ourselves fully paid in your accommodation its probable
we may be able to forward you 1 or 2000 more before your Ships
Sails — We are

12 Thos Dickason & Co 11 mo 10. 1800

Since our last of the 11th of which you have inclosed us we have received yours attended for in course with Bills of Exchange & feel ourselves much obliged by your advice relative to Ship Lydia's cargo which it is our present intention to forward as soon as the ship is out of the Custom House hands which we hope will be in a week or two but tho' the previous engagement to them unfortunately finding all her bearings defective we have had much more to do in her repairs than we anticipated part of her Cargo we have already disposed of, that we shall only have 60 or 70 tons of Sugar & 50 tons Coffee to ship in her and are quite at a loss what to fill her up with — For the Recovery of the return premium we now inclose you Capt Smith's & his mate's declaration before a Notary — but were very glad to receive the Decree in the Ship Hope's case and hope the concerned will meet with justice in the damages

We are sorry to find so little expectation in Pelagos demand, he has been unfortunate but we hope we are secure in an advance altho we are in hopes of more — We sincerely hope the winter will prove favorable to your sales of pitch as it is at present very important to us BR we have by this direction purchased another Ship the H & E of Boston & she compleat her loading this week with a little more than 200 tons of pitch on its bottoms & as it arrived from Wilmington & we believe will prove of unexceptionable quality we shall dispatch her as soon as we procure a Crew which at present under existing circumstances is difficult

we have dra'd drawing upon you
on our BRs and for the payment of this
Cargo as long as we could in hope of
saving both your advance and some
prin[c] upon the exchange but we cannot
make out much longer and expect
in a few days to send J Ritchie a bill
for £1000 stg which we request you will
accept and place to his cr[t] we also
think of sending 2 or 3000 more to NY
we hear its better than in Boston —
we sincerely hope the late overture
for peace will terminate favorably
We are &c

11 M[o] 13 1800

Joseph & John Dorr

Since we wrote you on the 8[th] we informed our mutual friends Jn[o] Ritchie that we were likely to be disappointed of a conveyance for the specie untill next week but Rufsell concluding to send on a Stage to-morrow, gives us encouragement of taking it at three dollars p[r] Thousand, and as one of your particular Friends Wm S Wall proposes going, we shall engage his particular attention to see it delivered to you or deposited in one of the Banks, as they will be a night on the road, we feel more anxious respecting it, but Capt[n] Barnard and several other Passengers being in the Stage will contribute to its safety

Since the two p[r]ots advised together $1050. We have also on the 10[th] Drawn in favr Benj[n] Cummings $400 & this day D Ricketson & Son $300 & Robert Hathaway $575, all which you will please to honor when they appear — Since writing thus far we have rec[d] yours by mail and comfortable thereto have put in a strong box three bags 4.6 — £1000

14 together $2000 & after running the bop found Capt Hathaway had gone out of Town which prevents our letting our Off on you or adding to the bop the defficient we therefore request your paying it & we shall remit WSW on receiving some money in Boston for us to reimburse you the balance $325— on rec'g which please give him us the arrival of you have paid which will close the transaction

We deem not the pun'n it has been attended with little convenience to us

Yours &c

11 mo 17, 1800

Respected Friends

Jos. Anthony & Co Your esteemed favor covering the Sales we requested is duly rec'd, and we hope altho a ready sale has not presented for the oil you will find one during the winter, as we think you will find it of a quality to recommend itself in the cold weather. As Capt Crandon, of the Drucilla will return direct to this place, please to send us 10 Bls superfine Flour for our own use,

We have drawn one order on you in favor of William Yardley for ~~one hundred~~ $204.74/100 Dollars, and shall probably give Capt Crandon a dft for two or three hundred more, as his owner may determine in the morning When they appear, we shall be obliged by your paying them.

We are very respectfully your. assured Friends

Wm Rotch Junr & Co

Esteemed Friends
Samuel & Miers Fisher

We yesterday recd yours of the 8th & two days before, your two letters via New York, but as the Subjects were replied to some time ago in answer to yours by Post, we apprehend you recd it very soon after your last that informed that the Minerva was in New York, & that the Hunter was expected to be there before this, the latter however has been detained by Winds until this morning when she sailed.

We are pleased to find it will be agreeable to our much esteemed Friend T Gilpin to receive Commission Business - as we shall most willingly seek to promote it whenever in our power, at Present of our own we have nothing but Candles which we have lately found very dull sale with you but having a good Supply on hand, we think of sending him a few by the present Conveyance, We hope you after writing found our letter by Wilbur. Should you have recd the expected good Wine, it may come by Capt Brandon, we are not in haste but only notice perhaps the only Conveyance this Season, that we may have. by this vessel we shall be obliged by your sending us a barrel of good beer (mild as to hops)

We are your affectionate Friends,
Wm Rotch Junr & Co.

11 mo 18th 1800

Respected Friend
John Ritchie

Thy favor by last nights mail is duly at hand - Our Note for Two thousand

Dollars, at the Branch Bank, falls due 1st & 4th of next Month, which we shall be glad thou will take up at that time & send to us- for the balance of the Thousand found, say $ 257.78/100. Please to forward us thy note

We are &c

Respected Friend 11th mo 20 1800

Peter Roc Dalton

Inclosed we hand thee John Ritchie's Note for Two Thousand Dollars Payable at the Bank 27th/30th Current and when received, we shall be obliged by thy cancelling our Note for same Amount that falls due 1st & 3d of next Month.

We are &c.

Respected Friend: 11th mo 20 1800

John Ritchie

This days Mail brot us thy favr 18th inclosing thy two Notes $ 457.78/100, which are in full for our Bill of Exchange in thy favor upon Thos Dickason & Co for One Thousand Pounds Stg and Three pr Cent premium thereon, which are to our Satisfaction,

We are &c,

Dd by via Boston & Shipli Lydia
Respected Friend 11 mo 20 1800

Frederick Delius

Since the encouragement given us in thy letter of 23d March 1799, we have been axiously expecting to receive from thee the Sales of our Shipment by the Minerva, & as thou then informed us only a small parcel of oil remained unsold at Amsterdam & the split Whale Bone at Bremen, We hope those Articles have been sold long Since, and

if thou has forwarded us Sales thereof we solicit thereof duplicates as we have received none and if not yet terminated, we equally solicit Sales of all the Oil that has been Sold, that we may find the Standing of our Account. as it a very unpleasant circumstance to have an adventure so long unclosed.

We have now on hand a Cargo of Java Sugar & Coffee which we imported last Summer. and expect to Ship it in our Ship Lydia, in a Week or two and hope before Sailing we shall gain information of the best Market We contemplate going for some Port in England to receive advice from our Friends in London, unless the late negociations with France should open an intercourse and the Markets promise better than the Northern ports. —— The Lydia we expect will go up the Baltic next Summer, and on thy closing our former Sales whatever remains to our Credit we request thou will immediately on receiving this, Advise our Friends Thomson Bonar & Co of Petersburg, to draw for our Account, either on London or Hamburg, as those may find by the existing Course of Exchange may be most for our benefit, Hoping soon to hear from thee.

We are &c.

Isaac Hicks

Hanno 22. 1800

Having exchange commands a better price with you than in Boston we have this day drawn on T.D.C for 10000£ in thy favr in two sets of bills for 6&4000£ which are here enclosed thou will please dispose of the same and remit us the amo — Should there be any person to whom thou art willing

to entrust it to the care of Young
Ley wrote please forward it by them
if not enclose it to us post cutting
the bills and sending it by different
vessels a Ship in Boston at sight or short
sight may equally accommodate us

Should either of the NB packet be at N y
Capt Talen as Cost would be safe hands
to entrust it to but as they would hardly
be answerable for the loss for want
of ability it is not right they should
be 1% for taking the risk but what
would be willing to allow them
for their particular care of such a package
we should be willing to allow them

We are &c

11 mo 21 1800

Thomson Bonar & Co
Respected Friends

It is long since we did ourselves the pleasure of writing to you, finding the last year such large quantities of Russian Goods were imported to this Country as quite to overstock the Market we were discouraged from sending a Ship the last Season, and after making one freight to England we Sold the Minerva last Summer, and Capt Gardner has gone on a Voyage to Manilla, from Whence he will not be expected until next Summer. — Your several Letters previous to & at his arrival were duly received and evinced to us your careful attention to our interest, having in all respects met our approbation. We are also favoured with your esteemed favor of 17th April by which we observe your products & fabricks continue

high. contrary to our expectation. Yet so small imports ations have this year been made of Hemp, that it will turn out well to those who have brought it. Sail Cloth and other linnens do not turn so well. From our late European accounts we are anxiously indulging a hope that Peace will the ensuing winter be restord to the World, and this desirable event will doubtless cause a great reduction in the prices of the Russian exports, Anticipating this event we are making arrangements for a Cargo from you next Season either in our own Ship, the Lydia, Capt. Smith who is bound to Europe with a Cargo of Java Coffee & Sugar we imported in her from Batavia, or shall have one Chartered in England— We shall State to you the Material Articles we shall want for the Cargo, and confide in your judgment to procure them at such time as your knowledge of existing circumstances may induce, not doubting you will as heretofore be carefull to Consult our interest in every respect.— From Shipments already made we expect £1500 to £2000 Stg from Jos Smith & Co Hamburg, and a few hundred Pounds from Frideric Delius at Bremen, for the residue we shall request our Friends Thomas Dickason & Co to make you acquainted where our funds will be placed at your disposal, but should you find it best to Contract this winter, we have no doubt they will authorize your drafts on themselves On receiving this we wish You to write all those Gentlemen & govern your purchases by their answers, as we do not wish you should be in advance for us, The quality of the Sail Cloth you Shipd us last was not considered equal to what you have heretofore sent us, but hope you will be able to procure each kind of the best fabrick, the Ravens Duck & Flems may be of the cheapest kind,— We shall be pleased you will

20 inform us what Market Petersburg will afford for Manilla Indigo, being in expectation of some next year

We duly rec^d by Capt^n Gardner, the Box of Tongues which proved very fine, and for which you will please accept our thanks.

11 mo 10 Confirming the foregoing we have only to enclose you D Shearmans bill on Adolphus Van Hemert Amsterdam for 963 Guilders 16 Stivers at 30 days, which you will please to receive & place to our Credit

We are &c.

11 mo 22 1800

Thomas Dickason & C^o

Confirming the foregoing we have now to inform you of having Drawn on the 12^th Inst in favor of John Ritchie for one Thousand Pounds, & this day in favor of Isaac Hicks New York for £1000 in two bills, one for 6 and one for £400 also of this date N^o 1 and N^o 2 two bills for £500 each in favor of Jacob Barker making together three Thousand Pounds, which we request your honouring and Placing to B Rotchs Account, we do not expect to have occasion to draw further very soon

We hope the Hannah & Eliza will be ready next week, Our Friend James Barker of Nantucket informs us Capt^n Thad^s Coffin of the Ship Commerce remitted you from Bristol 3 or 400 £s for his account and altho not advised of your being in Cash has had occasion to draw, should any event prevented the payment to you, we solicit the the favour of your honouring James Barkers draft, & we will hold ourselves responsible to you therefor

We are &

Benjamin Rotch 11 mo 22

Since the foregoing the Ship is Loaded with about 206 Tons oil on the bottoms 20 m hhd & 17 m barrel Staves, Will have Beef Pork, Molasses & Rum for her outward Voyage, & We hope to get the Crew next week Obed Fitch is taken to Cayenne, and we have Shipped Micajah Gardiner to Go in the Hannah & Eliza.

We have drawn on Dickason for thy Acc^{t} £3000 in several bills & we hope to obtain 2½ pr^{ct} Prem^{m} on £2000 by sale to N Y & Boston — as we shall write thee in a few days more particularly by the H^{d} Eliza Sterins we are &c

Jacob Barker Esq^{r} 11 mo 22 1800

By this days mail I have thy Letter of the 20th in which thou Anticipates the arrival of some remittances to us from Isaac Hicks, but am sorry to say, they have not yet been rec^{d} there having been no arrivals from New York to this place, since thou left us, it will be two weeks on the 24th Instant since the two Packets left here for that place the difficulty of getting westward by water has been unusually great for some time past, We however calculate one or both the Packets are nearly ready to come back; for thy accommodation and to serve the concern for which thou art engaged, we have determined on forwarding the John Ritchies note for $2577 78 Cts which falls due about 30 days hence, and request thy having it discounted at the Branch Bank & receive the money

We inclose thee 2 sets of Ex by us on T D & C^{o} for £500 Sg which we wish thee to sell on the best terms thou can for we have just sold at 3 pC^{t} we hope thou'll obtain that not less 2½ this thou will please to mind if thou cannot obtain Cash it will be such as pieces of Change This note can be discounted above the bills are numbered 1 & 2 - If thee Dan^{l} &

George Smith & C^{o} 11 M^{o} 20 1800

We wrote you 8th mo 8 by Ship Delight Cap^{n} Wheldon, via New York, Shipped you 48 Canniston Sugar 6 Casks & 182 bags Coffe, which we hope has reached you in safety and come to a good Market, Should that

22 be the case, we request you will authorize our friends Thomson Bonar & Co of Petersburg to draw upon you for the Amount as soon as you can with Convenience, as we wish to avail ourselves thereof for their Purchases the ensuing Winter, and also what other Sum you may receive from Brothers De Bauque who have our request to remit you (in the Inclosed letter) a balance of about £500 Stg that has been long due to us. We had last Mo an agreable visit from our Esteemed Friend Wm Adamson, who gave us Some flattering prospects of your Market, and which we hope may be realized in our little Adventure.

We are &c.

11 mo 29, 1802

Jona Bowen

Thy favor 22d inst inclosing B Church jun's & another's Note to thee was duly recd, amount of which has been paid with Interest to the time it was due, say one year. Church demand at paying more, alledging the money had been useless to him since that time, we therefore settled it, allowing it not thy approbation We now inclose the money $475. 15/100, agreable to the annexed sketch.

We are &c.

Isaac Hicks 11 mo 29. 1802

We have thine of 22d inst with sales of Shooting & Pinnace & buy both duly & they are the 5 Boxes of money came safe to hand by Salem — We note that a few days since Post master Jno Lee & Co which we took up and have not apply to draw on this we have availed ourselves thereof & the

occasion may offer not knowing what arrangements JB may make in Boston request that will not forward us the money— Please honor our Dft in favr G Rufus $500 John Sherman $100 & N Brownell

please forward us by Salem 20 Bbls Prime beef (as ordered before) omit the 8 Bbls Pork 20 Bbls Bar please forward 2 tons Bbls best Anthracite coal for fam & put two Barrels C thy are $5 by N Robb

JB is expected this day

Yrs &c

Richard Blow

12 mo 1 1800

Thy fav of the 4th inst by last Pkt conf sales of Rhubarb which we are sorry to find went off so low particularly that Thos was unable to do no better with the latter part of that remaind on hand when Thos wrote us under date 10 Oct had calculated on an advance thereon as that our instructions exacted such Thos timely to have sent it to us as the remaind remaind and small importn this fall would have enabled us to have taken $19 pp. the end of Sales will be duly attended to — at the time we shipd the Duck not knowing but it might command a ready sale it was our choice to have the pp remitted to London but we have at this time more funds that may Thos we shall appropriate are request Thos will

24 surprised receiving the bag of our and last retain it in thy hands for the present — Thy fav of 1st cary 9th on Prize for 556-54 came safe to hand and has since been duly noticed & prop'd to thy Bro on our behalf

Meander

Arnold Shelly Jr Bms 1. 1800

By the ship Delight Capt J Sheldon of this port who sailed for New York we believe sometime in June for Flensburg we made a small shipment of Sugar &c on her which we shall be obliged by your terms for Insurance —

Thy Delight is considered a good staunch ship & with us think had Insur effected on the same ship at Cary Off or St Jago's by the time of sailg can be ascertained

Meander

We shall be also obliged by thy informing us what is the lowest Prem you have on Risks to England

It is likely we shall wish to have some Insr effected next week —

Arnold Shelly Jr Bms 6. 1800

Thy obligg fav of 2d came duly to hand and we note the terms of Insurance asked since we wrote thee last a rumor

has reached us from N York relative to the Delight we have gained all the information we [illegible] and briefly state it to this as we have it — On C. Fish's reaching N York much before last Wed. a Part of that City told him they that they had seen an a[dver]t[isemen]t that the Delight struck in the E Channel that she then had or had had 4 ft water in her hold but not being able to find the paper & Ill brother & the other Ill — who is a factor of the Delight had never heard it it did not gain C. we have insured her & began shipping her at $7000 without any Increase and had originally intended to insure for only which for $3000 intend now and still intend to with the remainder shipping on goods were stowed merely the last in which we should be most necessary for their safety if the report was C. which it is not with —.

If the C will still take it at 7 pm have it effected —

The Ship H & E McGardner last is now loaded with 200 Ls Sp Oil 37 Am Staves and will probably sail the ensuing week she is in fine order no ways deep loading and well manned upon her we hope to have insurance done at 6 p C also and for this port & N Haven if the C will take it at 5 under the addition of ½ p C if she stops at Cork for orders we with the sum of 25000 $ done and shall be obliged by any information pertaining

of port if it is likely to be agreed to by the Co as we do not wish her to Sail without knowing she is insured - the property is as heretofore ordered BR when the Ship was purchased the head & gunn & as we wanted some ballast in the Ships bottom that it would be easy them to a Vessell's we engaged them there not a man on board but those of them and we mention it that this may be an article of Contraband may not invalidate the policy the carriages &c. Instruments do not go on board —

Yours &c
Nov 6 1802

James Andrews

We have this day given our Friend E Boon a draught upon thee for 500 $ at 30 days Sight. he is about to establish himself in Savannah and may have occasion of some advice relative to this Business, we recommended to thee as a young man of merit — & request thou will accommodate him in his payments at the Bank Stars. that it may serve him if not convenient for thee to pay it on sight — We further request thy liberty to draw upon thee payable to Wm Smith on the 8th next month for $1000 to make up our payment for the Ship Hannah & Eliza — We find by our ~~Invoices~~ books two Invoices sent thee in 1799. 50 Boxes Candles 8 months P Warren Howland & 50 Boxes 9mo P John Howland. of which we have Credited no Sales, we shall be obliged by Sales of them. presuming they are Sold, as for 75 Boxes sent in the winter following Sales have been rendered

We are &c

Joseph Anthony &c

We duly rec'd yours by Post & this day one sent by Capt Swazey, who we find has gone to the Vineyard, where we hear he was landing his Corn having damaged it on his passage, we hope however you will send us the flour requested by the druicks, as we fear the Old Man will not make his appearance before Spring We have a payment to make in Boston by the 8th next Month and shall be much obliged by your remitting us a Check on Boston Bank for $1000 and as we fear it will not in the Course of the Winter establishment reach us in season to return to Boston by that time we request you will have it drawn in favor of Wm Smith for our Acct & remit it Directly to him, advising us thereof We are so confident that there is not prest. Oil in the Country sufficient for next years demand that we hope you will not force the Sale of what we Shipped you, it will in our judgment Command next Spring 90, or 100 ℔ ct.

We are &c

11mo 20, 1800

Brother De Bauge

We wrote you by Capt Moors under date 4 mo 29th and forwarded Copies of various Accts sent us by Francis Mary together with our Acct Current balance in our favor at the beginning of the year $25,78 100 all of which we hope you have long ere this rec'd, as we he have heard of Moors Arrival in London & Embarking for France and are daily hoping to hear from you in reply thereto. We are now anxiously waiting the arrival of our Envoys as reports have reached us with the very agreeable intelligence of their having Concluded a Treaty which we sincerely hope may restore harmony to the two nations & thereby renew our Commercial Intercourse to mutual advantage. We are in expectation of Sending a Ship to Russia in the Spring, & are making our arrangements for her Cargo & having requested some Aid from Ge Smith & Co of Hamburg we request you will remit to them what

every Balance you find due to us, as soon as you can make it Convenient as we wish to make some purchases during the winter. We make this Observation not knowing how our Charge against you relative to our transaction for the Judith's Cargo terminated on your books, but we conceive no part of that of that Charge can or ought to be disputed since B & H gave Isaiah receipt thereupon of Course Charges follow and no question can be made except for our Charge of Storage £12. & Cooperage &c £26 Sterl as you will see in the Acct that would have arisen, and and these we submit entirely to your own discussion & with what you make the balance to be with Interest thereon may be remitted as above, as we fall short of sufficient funds for the winter purchases

We are &c

Thos Dickeson Esq 12mo & 1Boc

Since we wrote you on 22d Ult mear without any of your favors, that Letter advised four Several Bills for Acct of B Rotch, together to Ritchie, Hicks & Jacob Baker 3000 £ all of which we hope will meet due honor. We have hoped ere this the arrival of our Envoys from France would give us the confirmation of Peace with that County & that a revival of intercourse between the two Republics would afford us a better prospect of a Market for the Lydias Cargo, her repairs have hitherto detained us from Loading her, but we hope yet to get her away in Course of the Month, Capt Smith goes out in her & will stop in the Channel for your advice, where it will be likely to do best, & least he should meet adverse winds in the Channel to put into Cork, we request your advice to meet him there at Harvey Deares & Harveys. Should you find the French Market will offer a good prospect & Money or bills may be easily obtained and brought out, it may be best to go there, provided our Nonintercourse law be suspended which we hope will be the Case before the Ship Sails. The Lydia we expect will go up the Baltic next spring & we have made arrangements for part of the necessary

funds on the Continent of about £2700 Stg — provided the Ship Delight Capt Whelden of this port has safely arrivd at Hamburg, if he has failed we calculate upon only £120 & suppose the Lydia's Cargo in Petersburg will not ~~exceed~~ exceed £5500 We give the offer to B R of Loading one half should he do it we shall wish to avail ourselves of enough from the Lydias Cargo out only to make up one half but if he declines this for the whole and as we expect to have her whole Cargo subject to your direction In Case the Delight has failed we shall be obliged by your liberty to Thomson Bonar & to draw for the for their winter or Summer purchases as they may judge most for our Interest. Griffin Barney Master of our Ship Barclay Sailed from this about 14 mo. since for the Pacific Ocean. For Fur Seal Skins & had our liberty under certain circumstances in not obtaining Skins enough to obtain Dollars ~~enough~~ in Peru to the Amount of $20000 and draw upon you for our Acct at not less than 4. or 6 Months Sight, but we hoped he would do it at 12 mos. after Date we do not expect he went into Port short of this time. Should he so draw we shall be much obld. by your Acceptance of his bills & we shall be Carefull if we have Occasion to draw for Acct of the Lydia's Cargo to make seasonable remittances as we expect his advice across land before the bills Can reach you the Barclay is Own.d 3/4 by Ourselves and 1/4 by our W.I. Brother Thomas Rotch. The H. & E. Capt Gardner by whom this goes is now on the point of Sailing.

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12 mo 15th 1800

Dear Brother & ~~Cousins~~
B Rotch

We have at last Succeeded in Shipping all the hands for the H. & Eliza. and wait only to know that the Insurance is effected. which we order.d this day Clock at 5½ P.M. but not receiving last Post a letter from the Office we send Wm Fisher this morning to Boston that we may not be Safe in letting the Ship Sail after he is gone — Invoice and bill of Lading thou will find Inclosed of the Cargo of H. & E. and hope it may turn out well as it goes in good Order. Every thing that we could procure that we supposed would be thy choice to have, we have

sent. Cedar Boards are not in this Country, as the fail-
ure of the Whaling Business had prevented the procuring the
Logs. Thou must now give up thy Speculation upon Spermaceti
Oil as it will much advance, the remains of the Franklin
Cargo sold at Nantucket for £45- and we are clear the
Quantity is so small in the Country that it will get much higher
supposing it would both meet thy Interest & views we have pur-
on board on thy Own Act a Small Qt. Sugar & Coffee of the Lydias Cargo
a barrel of Nuts & one of Buckwheat several others goes to the
for distribution & We have Consented for a Son of Barnt Swains
to go free of expence he furnishing his own provision. this we
have also offered to Wm S Watt a particular Frd. of ours who has
several year taught Friends School here, he is a member of
Society & we recommend him to thy notice as deserving thy esteem, he
has Married a daughter of Griffin Barneys, he goes on business
& we have given him a Letter of Cr. on Dickason for One thousand pounds
which is to be plaed to thy Dr. when paid, We hope to do without
drawing any further on thy Act until the Second payment for the
Ship, or Some circumstances in our business should require it. we
have drawn only the £.3000 mentioned in our last since the 5th mo
that thou will see we are considerably in advance for the
having paid all the premium, & for all the present Cargo some time
ago, We have been obliged to give Large wages to the people
& promise two months on being discharged & all entered in the
Shipping paper, We have obtained the Spanish Seal to a
Letter of recommendation & intend to send out by Benj. Paddock
in the Maria now equiping one for each Ann & Wareham, we shall
see that no erasures are made in the papers, from the hope of
a general peace we think best to leave the Cargo uninsured
from Milford to London, as thy knowing it will enable thee to do
it there. The Lydia begins her loading to day & unless we
obtain some freight from N York to fill her up hope to get her
away next week we have had much more repairs to do for
her than we expected, 60 feet New wall but she is now a good
Ship - as we arrange for a Cargo from a St. Petersburg next summer

should it be thy wish not to have a concern in the Cargo we will take the whole & allow the Ship her freight or if thy wish to sell thy half we will take it to ourselves — the Sugar & Coffe of the Delight for Hamburg is assigned towards the Russia Cargo & of our own funds on the Continent we have also assigned ab.t £1300 Stg the residue we depend on P D H.

Thou art art fully at liberty to take 1/4 1/2 or none Quarterly meeting having greatly interrupted our writing must refer to our future letters each mark of Oil designates our several purchases that if any complaint arises we may know where to place it. we believe it all unexceptionable but the Maria's has generally been tryed hard & often coulord hairs designated by ✠ we recommend going to the least Critical market — as the ship is now all ready the wind fair & N Fisher gone this day to have the Insurance effected we think best to let her go, not being able to do any thing with the Ships acct until the Lydia goes we wish the Bone sold or sent to the Continent as soon as thou thinks it for the Interest of the Concern dont neglect sending us Certificates of Landing the Coffe & Sugar to Cancel our bonds. Our W.K. Junr wishes thee to pay a small balance he owes Wm Allen London. An after Contract made with the Town of whom we purchased the H. & Eliza Foxes the payments at 3 & 7 Months from 10 mo 8 last — half at each period

We have been obliged to advance David Spooner a Mariner on board the L & C) one hundred & ten Dollars to discharge his debts & leave with his family so as to enable him to go out in the Ship on her Whale Voyage. Forty Dollars of which is entered on the Shipping Paper & Seventy he has given his Note for which is endorsed to thee & here Inclosed.

To Thomas Dickason & Co Continued — by her goes Jas Prince a particular friend of ours W S Wall & he has our liberty to draw upon you for £1000, we request you will accept his drafts for that amo.t as he may have occasion to draw in course of his business & place the same to B Rotch's acc.t whom we Credit for that sum — T Hazard Jr. informs us he apprehends he stands indebted to you a small balance, will you be so kind as to balance his acc.t & Charge the same to our acc.t — We are &c

Jas Prince & Wall 12mo 15 1802

W R Jun.r & Co have requested Tho.s Dickason to answer the draft for one thousand Pounds, the investing of which we leave to the judgment a few Articles for the Improvement of my Children I wish thee to procure, if thou finds them at such prices thou thinks they will answer — a pair of 12 Inch Globes or larger if thou thinks best a small Air Pump. Fergusons Mechanics or some other treatise his Astronomy, a Good Spy Glass for Myself & one for Tho.s Harman Martins or some other treatise upon Philosophy & such useful Books, travelling Maps & dissected maps as thou may think best together with such Philosophical Apparatus as thou thinks best. Please also procure about half a Cwt Copper Wire agreeable to my hint, six gr.s Hooks & Eyes & Japand tin Cases for Coloured Ivory buttons. can be procur.d for a few Groce of them. Garden Spades square & round shovels with & without handles of good quality will be saleable Articles

12mo 31. 1802

Thomson Bonar & Co

Confirming the foregoing we have to request you will omit the Linseed Oil if the price should be higher Comparing the Exchange than you shipd it for the Eliza. Kempton We determine for the Lydia to load at Petersburg. she is now ready for sea & our Mr. Barker Junior Partner of our house goes to Europe in her whatever advice he may give you relative to the present years order you will please to observe the terms having expired of our Copartnership this day our W Rotch Junr. Conducts the business in his own name in future & on his Acct the Cargo is to be provided except our A B who will retain a Concern in the Ship should order any part of the Cargo on his Own Acct by Capn Smith we request your Acceptance of a Box of Spermt Candles from our own manufactory we request you will send in Lydia & only to say the Cap.n indeed if 20 Tons in an Order we are &c

12mo 22 1800

James Andrews & Co

Since our last of 6th Inst. we have recd. two Sales we enquired for together Amounting $1385.68 Cts are duly placd on our books and we have also Cr. $500. paid E Boon as he Informs us it was accommodated. on entering those neglected Sales we find by the Standing of our books a balance in our favr. about $2250 all due by the Sales in next month except $860 due 6th of 2 mo. altho we have not recd your liberty to draw th $1000 in favor W Smith, yet presuming it will meet your approbation we shall send him our ~~bill~~ for that Sum due 8 next month. and as we shall by the middle next mo owe for Premiums in Boston we cannot with convenience accommodate the payment without drawing further upon you & if it will be inconvenient for you to pay $1000 at that time before W & Smiths falls due we will draw at 30 days & have it discounted your reply here to will oblige us We are solicited from New-York to forward the 300 Dls you obtained an acceptance for in Boston for a Demand upon O Cain, Please to inform us if it is paid that we may remit it

we are &c

Peter Roe Dalton 12mo 24 1800

Having a Payment to make to Wm. Smith Boston 8th of next mo. we this day send him John Ritchies note with our endorsment for $2266, 67 with Interest fr. November 28. at 90 days, should he incline to have it discounted (it will be then due in 50 days) we shall be obliged by thy having it done is agreable to the directors. & of the probability thereof we shall be glad to be informed to govern us, thy attention herein will greatly oblige.

we are &c

12mo 24, 1800

William Smith

As the time draws near that our first payment for the Hannah & Eliza falls due we wish to be seasonable in our arrangements for the payment thereof, on the 5th of the present month we wrote by Post to Jos. Anthony & Philada. & requested them to send thee on our Act a Check on US Bank for $1000

which we hope will reach thee in season. We now indorse our draft upon James Andrews &c for one thousand more payable 8 next mo we also endorse thee John Ritches note Nov.r 28th of 90 days with Interest for $2266, 67 endorsed by Jacob Barker & ourselves which was given for a Bill of exchange of ours & we write this day to the Cashier U.S Bank to request the same discounted, on the 8 next mo if they wish to have the money before the note is due, the balance thou may either endorse upon the other note or pay the Cashier to our Credit. Please acknowledge the receipt of the indorsed, and when the note is paid indorse it to us

we are &c,

Arnold Wells Junr

12 mo - 29. 1800

The Ship Lydia Capt Smith will complete loading this week of a cargo consisting of Sugar & Coffee duties to a Market in Europe on which we wish your terms for Insurance, we expect thee will stop in the Channel probably at Cowes for Orders she will only touch at Cork from necessity but should she stop there we expect to meet Orders where to proceed for a market that we wish the terms generally until she discharges her Cargo should our intercourse be opened with France she may go to Havre, Weare &c

12 mo 31. 1800

Isaac Hicks.

We duly rec.d thine of 22.d & note thy Observation upon the Shipment of Coffee to Hamburg we wish to have the few Cannisters of Sugar shipt to G Smith &c & like it should go in the Commerce. We have hoped a Ratification of the treaty would speedily open a trade to France which we apprehend would prove to the early adventurers a better market than Hamburg but know how we no way of speedily shipping to France or selling it at 26 Ct we shall like to have it ship.d to Hamburg but we fear so old a Ship will be likely to damage it, as was the Case with the Dolphin, but relying thou will not ship it but in such Vessell as thou would if it was thy own with Special care & attention to see the bags are put in good order & stowed in a safe part of the Ship & properly matted to secure it from wasting in Case the bags should break & as safe from wet as possible. We accord thereto requesting the Special

Care of the Capt. & thy attention to the Debentures. Please send us 20 Bbls Tar (large Bbls if at hand) By Packet. As the time Expires this day of our Copartnership & our JB is on the point of sailing for Europe in the Lydia Capt. Smith, Our WR Junr. will close the busines of the Compy & will hereafter Correspond with thee — thy Account Current to the Close of the year is desired with Acct of Goods on hand except the Coffee & Sugar. Elijah Boen had from us a note of Thadt Mayhew pay 1st mo. for about $209 with Interest as we hear TM is in Boston we request if he has not accommodated the payment thou will take it up & hold it for Thds return for our Acct.

we are &c

1 mo 3d 1807

Isaac Hicks

We wrote thee fully by Taber who sailed this morning to which I refer thee. Having occasion to draw again on London, I now inclose thee our late Companys draft in thy favor on T Dickason & Co at 60 Days for five hundred Pounds which request thou will sell on the best terms thou can & place to my Cr or to the Co. Acct as its not yet closed on thy Books — I have this day given Lepht Buffington a draft upon thee for $2533 which thou will please to pay & place as above..

I am &c.

1 mo 8 1807

James Andrews & Co

The close of the year having terminated the terms of Copartnership of WR Junr & Co it is with my self the busines rests for settlement. Your letter of 22 Ult we recd after we had forwarded our Acct to Wm Smith for $1000 after receiving the Sales omitted & finding they had been long due, we apprehended you must have collected the amount drawn which I hope will prove no inconvenience to you and that your being Call'd upon will be a Stronger inducement to pay — We are now a little Disappointed in finding a note of ours fall due a month earlier than we apprehended at the Fire and Marine Insurance office for $2500 & without my taking a Journey to Boston dont see how to accommodate the payment but by drawing upon you for 1000 $ at 60 days which

I request your acceptance of & paying the discount & place it to our Acct & if you are not in Cash by the time & it is not convenient to pay it let me know in season & I will make provision therefor — Please to give me the State of the N. York business as in our last requested.

I am &c

Lo A Welles Jr. 1 mo 3. 1801

Thy letter of 30 ult. to our late Firm (which terminated with the last year) was duly received and we accede to the Companys Terms & request thou will in our names have twenty Five Thousand Dollars insurance upon Cargo of Sugar & Coffee in Ship Lydia Elihu Smith Master at Jm A Bedford to her port of discharge in Europe with liberty to touch "at a port in the Channel for Orders" at 5 ℔ C. please inform when it is done & send the note for W Rotch Jr to sign he settles the concerns of the late company and feels a little mortified that our notes falling due last month had slip'd our memories, the Cr we had in Providence was 8 mo & it had fixd in our minds that the whole was due in this month we expected to be prepared at that time & certainly should have been last month but for forgetfulness — We now inclose thee our drafts one on James Andrews for $1000 at 60 days discount upon which he is requested to pay ore or William Mackay & Joseph Hussey $794. 99 at 15 days after date there with here inclosed making together $2502. 75 we suppose will cancell our Note — We are &c

William Smith 1 mo 3. 1800

Thy Cater of Co. to our W R & Co (which firm terminated with the last year) thy note for the 24 ult & entered as for on

I Andrews for $1000 & J Ritchies note for $2266 67/100 but not having heard of its reaching Thee thought best to repeat it — The Cashier has informed us that if they wish the note would probably be discounted on the 8th Current

Thine of 28th Ult came duly to hand informing of thy draft of $1000 for Jebuthnot & Co which we are pleased to hear —

Is it probable it will be convenient for thee to take a bill on London for the last payment if not I shall want to sell a bill Direct to

Yours &c

Joseph Sandar mo 5. 1800

I wish thee to have Insurance made upon the Ship Lydia E S master consisting of Coffee Sugar hides & flour $17000 at 4 pm N B to her port of discharge in Europe with liberty to touch at a port of discharge for order with liberty to land in that port 200 bbls flour Insurrections at 6 p C also $5000 upon the Ship valued at $12000 Thee are the desiring this Insurance send us a for which we will thereupon draw a bill at sight to have it done in the name of myself & late partner E A Pr the 5000 at risk in the Ship

by the termination of our
partnership at the close of the
year is fair upon us & with
the Co. business & I have too.
to be in Boston & request with
the writing the damage the
Lydia sustained which those
they write Shall & would
& allow Shall write be ready
after two days please write me
how it progresses beginning the
with this day Because

To Benj.a Roth 12 mo 31. 1800

Confirming the foregoing the foregoing p
the Hannah & Eliza who sailed on 16th Inst. we have now to
inform thee that the Insurance was done effected at 5 p% 6.a on the
Cargo. Ship. & Freight $12000 on the Ship $6000 on the fr.t & the
amo.t of Invoice covered which we hope will meet thy views —

From the promptitude of thy Commands we as speedily as propose
effected the insurance upon the two Whaling Ships as before written
at 20 p% 6.a without the reserve or warrantry when thy orders reached
us for the Insurance for the two Cap.s we tried our Office in this Town
and had theirs made at 20 p% 6.a returning 2 p% if they sailed from Cork
with Convoy & 2 p% more if fm St. Helena with Convoy & arrive safe —
had the probability of waiting convoy been mentiond in thy Orders
its probably a little abatement would have been made in Boston
but have no apprehension they will now alter — We duly note thy
several remarks in thine of 9 mo 26 and are very sorry for the complaint
in splicing the Cable & the Sails the former happend while our fore-
man was sick but was wholly unknown to the writer of this the
charge if we find any made shall come off we hope the present Sails
are well done but poor Longworthy is no more he died a few

weeks since. We have procured the best staves in our power they have been very dear and high for two years but we think the present quantity will prove better than heretofore and will season, having been piled on the wharf all summer, Thou will find in the H & Eliza a large supply of many whaling materials many of which may be useful for other Ships we bought them at auction and very low, such as Davis, Crains blubber hooks wind & tackle blocks harpoons Lances Spades &c, at the close was put on board a few Irons Lances & Spades our A.B supposed were the Lydias but they proved to be the Marias were soon called for and we were obliged to furnish them new to her & charge them to H & E— we sent only 8 bbls Tar in that Ship for her own use it has been this fall uncommonly scarce even in Boston up to $10— Attention will be paid to thy advice respecting a Vessell for Lumber, if we can obtain Red Ceder send thee some, but as that must come from Georgia & the Lumber from Portland it will be subject to high freights in getting it to the Eastward— but it is so liable to split it will not do to have it sawed here— as we presume the waste will be more than the expence of sawing with you— T Dews has not yet furnished us with Copy of thy Mem.d we shall apply to him & if any thing can be done with safety more in it. The Dutch we hear are the only people allowed to trade at Japan the Franklin of Boston Capt.n Devereux was last year Chartered at Batavia to go there for $ 30,000, on his arrival his rudder was unhung & sails taken off & all carried on shore until he was ready to sail & not a man suffered to be on shore without a file of Soldiers— Devereux has just sailed again we hear from Salem with a Ship of the same name for Batavia & Japan, perhaps from encouragement of the Dutch Co.y or from the circumstance of the same name, (it not being the same ship) he might have obtained some permission to go there again but the whole trade in those seas are so hazardous for unarmed Ships that we feel reluctant at engaging in it. Soon after the Lydia left Java, the Straits of Sundas were much infested with the Malays with so strong a force as to Charter into Port one of the Company's Ships of 16 Guns so that no India trade may be carried on without that risk. By the best Information we can obtain 300,000 fur Seal Skins for Anna will find a good sale in Canton fearing a glut we recommended to Barney to go on this season if he was tolerably successfull first procuring $ 20,000 in Peru if practicable by our letter of Credit to draw upon T D & Co at Long sight, we had also a letter of strong recommendation from the Spanish Consul S R who removed to Hartford holds his 1/4 in the Barclay & is like to continue it. B. Paddock who sails in a few days has two Spanish Consuls Certificates for the A & W.

40 we hope to get the H & Es accts to go with this. we sent by her all the flour we could spare, 1000 bbls of which we put in the Invoice for her Whaling voyage. The Lydia's Cargo is at length on board consisting of 151.000 ℔ Coffee & 1645 ℔ Sugar — the whole cargo deliver'd here after deducting Smith's Com. of 3 ½ p Ct was 1988 ℔ 3..20 Sugar & 216599 ℔ Coffee — we sent 35000 ℔ Coffee to N York very little is sold & Hicks now writes that he doubts its Command more than 24 Cents we have order'd it sold at 26. if not to Ship it either to France or Hamburg — We have a little Freight of provisions & hides which hope may be landed in the Channel where she may stop without trouble or much expence, the packages both of Sugar & Coffee were so wretched that much expence has attended shifting it into Flour Barrels. Bags &c.

As this day terminates our Contract of Copartnership, & our A B having long had a desire to visit Europe, has concluded to embark in the Lydia where having so much property on board, hope he may prove useful in the Sale of her Cargo but we fear he will not have the pleasure of seeing them in London on his first arrival, but hope they will be able with our friends D & C. to advise him to the best Market, we have not yet heard officially of the Treaty being Ratified, of Course we must let the Ship go under the bonds of Nonintercourse with France, yet should it appear on their arrival that it is ratified & our Minister at London should think it prudent we should freely risk the Bonds if Havre or any other port in France should promise the most advantage, by our last Letters from Hamburg Sugar was in demand & advancing our Small Shipment in the Dilight had arrived there the Sugar in good Order but the Coffee Damaged. we hope however the damage will not exceed the premium on both, we neglected effecting insurance until it was reported she had been spoke with 4 feet water in the hold. When the Underwriters hesitated so much & we wholly doubted the report that we had none made — there was 185 Cwt Sugar & 22.290 ℔ Coffee & we knew the Ship was nearly full when it reached N York & was stowed between Decks. The H & Eliza's bill so far has come in will accompany this balance placed to thy Acct & we also intend sending a Statement of thy Acct which hope will prove right. the last Assessment upon the Bridge has been made making abt $ 190 P. Share It has been now opened about 3 months & has paid the Expences & the Interest of the money at this dull season that we think we may reasonably calculate upon the Increase to pay

the repairs & as the Town increases the Value of the prop-
erty must advance — Our W R Junr who writes this cannot
more warmly recommend his late partner A Barker to thy
Confidence & friendship than by saying that as we have lived
together so we part in much Sincere friendship confidence &
affection, Our Contract Expired 8 last month but for the
Convenience of Closing our Affairs, which we foresaw would
be concentrated to a very small focus we deferred it till the close
of the year & are pleased with finding Notwithstanding $17.000 Loss
sustaind by the Company, we shall be able to make so handsome
a dividend as to put him in a way to do Business on a reputable
footing — We have just drawn £500. more on T D & C
on thy Acct favr I Hicks for Sale not being able to make out
our Payments for Half the Ship falling due in 8 days, but for
the balance of thy Acct we hope not to draw until 4 months
hence when the other half becomes due, nor then if we can
make our expected Collections. unless from the Sale of thy oil which
we are led to believe will do well this winter, thou art in
Cash & prefers our W R Junr drawing to allowing him Interest
until he sees some way of employing his money, he wishing the
liberty of doing that whenever his own Business may require it,

we are &c

Thomas Dickason & Co

12 mo 31. 1800

Duplicate of our last respects will accom-
pany this to which we refer you & have now to acknowledge the
ceipt of your Esteemd favrs of 14 & 21 Oct & are much pleas.
to find you have recd of Williams £147. 18 for Acct Rowl Hazard
that amot we place to your debit. — From the small gra-
tuity of oil brought home by the British Fishermen the last
year inclines us to hope you have already done well with B R's. his
last Ship the H. & E. sailed on 16 Inst. with upwards of 200 Tons which
is insured only to Milford, when the Insurance was made we hoped a
Peace in Europe would have lessend the risk Coastwise. but we are
very sorry to observe by the latest accounts that hope has nearly
vanished. The Lydia is now nearly ready for sea with about
164 Cwt Sugar & 152000 ℔ Coffee with about 150 Bbls Flour &
200 hides, the two latter articles we hope may be landed in a Channel
Port without much Expence where she will stop for your advice
The terms of our Copartnership expiring this day our W R Junr
will have the Settlement of the Cos Concerns in the absence of our
A Barker who having long had an Inclination to visit Europe
has concluded to go in the Lydia he will as early as possible

apply for your advice & will keep with the Ship if necessary
until her Cargo finds a market. We warmly recommend him
to your notice & friendship & any favours you may be pleased to
confer upon him will be by us Individually rec^d With Gratitude
Your best advice in the disposal of the present Cargo is
solicited & our views after providing for the Peterburg Cargo is to
deposit the residue in your hands. On closing up our Acc^ts for
B Rs business & for the first half payment of the Ship W&C. we
found ourselves necessitated to draw five hundred pounds more. this
we do of this Date in favr. I Hicks at 60 days which please to place
to B Rs acct. As our Correspondence will hereafter devolve
upon our W R Junr. we at this time respectfully bid you farewell
gratefully acknowledging the many favours conferr^d upon your
Oblgd Friends — — we are &c

1 mo. 14. 1801

To Isaac Hicks

Thy letter of 7th Inst is at hand with
thy a/c inclosed which I herewith send thee rectified. In Debiting thee the bill on London for £1000 Stg I deduct $22.83
for thy Commission which dont appear to be Charged in thy
Acct & likewise credit thee $3-16 cts on 20 Hhds Tar
as per thy Letter of 10 mo 29th which is more by $1.35 than
is Charged in thy Acct. with Nett^t of thy Last Sales of 28
Boxes Candles makes a balance due us $1982-69 which
if right thou will please note. The 20 Hhds Tar per last
Packet I Credit thee for in new Acct I am &c

To Brothers De Bauque 1st mo 19. 1801

Your esteemed favor of Oct. 22. I rec^d
on the 17th Inst & am much oblig^d by your making pro-
vision for the payment of the balance due H Rs Junr &
by a Cr on Doxat & Divett in London. who have wrote
they will honour our dft therefor I have already drawn
on them £200 & hope to draw the residue this day. if so I shall
at foot state balance & interest. Exchange on London owing to the
great Shipments of provisions is very dull at this moment
2 p^r Ct discount is the Curt Exchange but I have sold at 1 p^r Ct
& hope to close the business at that. I hope in Conse-
quence of our wish to have it laid in Hamburgh you have

not made any different arrangement. as it much more to my Convenience to have it at this time. Our late firm dissolved on the close of the last year & my late partner A Barker embarkd last week for Cowes & Market in the Lydia, Capt Smith with a Cargo of Sugar & Coffee on our Acct Should he during his stay in Europe be at Dunkirk I recommend him to your notice & acquaintance as a man deserving your confidence. Should Capt Moore be with you please Communicate to him the Affecting Intelligence of the sudden death of his Son William abt the 10 Inst in New York, he was to Sail in a few days in the Convoy & much exerting himself in a Cold night at a fire in that City was taken ill of a fever & died in three days.

I am &c

Doxat & Divett

1 mo 23. 1801

I have this day further drawn upon you for £421. 4. 3 Stg in favour of Henry Oliver at thirty days sight which having drawn at 1 P Ct discount Amo with the £200 - to $2733.33 the balance & Interest to this of my Acct with De Bauque frers. which you will please to honour & place to their Acct

I am. &c

Doxat & Divett

1 mo 17. 1801

I am much obliged by your favour of 21 Nov. Covering a letter from our Mutual Friends De Bauque frers of Dunkirk opening a Ct with you for me to draw a balance & Interest due to the late Compy of W R Junr & Co that Company dissolved on the 31st Ulto & it remains with me to Settle all the Companys Concerns in the absence of my late partner Abraham Barker who embarkd for England in the Ship Lydia Capt Smith six days ago from this port - my friends Thos Dickason & Co of London can Confirm this Circumstance to you in Case of any doubt - The balance due from De Bauque frers on the Close of the year 1799 was $2573 $^{33}/_{100}$ which with the interest to this time or to the time of my being rimbursed by the sale of bills upon you is all I shall draw & which will fall short of the Sum you mention of £650 Stg. Supposing it the wish of my friends to avail myself of this money speedily to prevent the payment further Interest I intend to draw it as opportunity

44 offers although our Exchange with London is declining
& is now offer at 2 ℔ Cent discount but have this day drawn
upon you £200 at 1 ℔ Ct discount at 30 days in favr John Downs
which you will please to honour & place to our said Friends Acct
As we have lately advised our said Frds that it would be agree-
able to us to have their balance remitted to Hamburg, if in
Consequence thereof they have drawn back the money (which I
hope they have not) I request you will advise the holder of
my bills on you to apply to my friends J D & ye in London who
in that case I presume will take them up for my honour & I request
the favour of you to shew these friends this Letter in that case
I am &c

Thomas Dickason & Co 1 mo 26. 1801

Duplicate of our Compts letter
p. the Lydia I forwarded via Boston adding thereto that
the Ship Sailed on the 12th. Since that I am without any
of your favours. Last week I recd a letter from De Bauque
frers. Inclosed in one from Doxat & Sivett of London opening a
Credit with the Latter for me to draw a balance due from the
former, I accordingly drew one bill in favour of John Downs
for £200 & another in favour Henry Oliver for £421-4-3 amot
of my Acct against them, altho the house assured me they
would pay to the amot of £650. yet fearing some intervention
may prevent I have guarded against a Protest by requesting
if refusd the holder would apply to you in case of such an event
I solicit the favour of your taking up those bills for my Account
Should Capt Wm Moore be with you please to inform him
of the Sudden Death of his Son William at New York after
three days of a putrid fever from his exposure & exertion at
a fire in that City, he took a heavy Cold which brot on the
fever. I have a Letter from Capt Gwinn Cape De Verds
where he & the Aeron arrivd in 20 days with a Sperm Whale
of 9 Tons between them all in good health & Spirits
I am &c

Dear friends S & M Fisher 1 mo 31. 1801
I have now to acknowledge the recd
of your esteemed favor of 3 mt & one from br M R F of
23d ult & have noted the Contents we have duly entered

What was unnoticed on our books from your Acct Current & now forward ours which if it proves free from Errors please conform yours thereto. I find you omitted Crediting us $ 1103 22/100 Delano's Bill on Baltimore which at the We had requested to rest in your hands, you informed us you had included in the $ 3500 you remitted I Hicks for us the whole of which sum we Cr & I do not recollect of its being Accounted for any other way, if you do please inform me, The Sales of B Alleys shoes were very acceptable as I have been obliged to Sue a Commission of Bankruptcy against him to obtain an equal right with some of his Creditors who had attached all his property and I fear I shall sustain a Considerable Loss, he & his brother owing me & the late W Rotch $ 230 J Robenson I understand is also a Creditor of $ 70 which I am Sorry for. My brother Redmond & Hazard went yesterday to Newport to see if any Service can be rendered your affair with the China & this days post bringing your of 23d I have taken means for them to recieve it to morrow; When we Consulted together on my return from Boston we sent to Providence & finding Burrett engaged for the Ymgnes & we retained Bowen & Barrs who promise their assistance & paid each $ 20 — I hope my brother will meet Parsons Ormon at Newport we are much pleased to find Sister Hannah in so good a way & hope it may be Continued, a favour That ought & I hope will excit thankfulness in us all —

I am &c

2 mo 2. 1801

Micajah Alley

I now send the Copy of the Sales rec last from Saml & Mich Fisher. I shall be pleased some proposal from thee relative to my security for the balance of the Company debt. if thou will give me satisfactory Security & will pay it in four installments equally, one in the next third month & the others annually in each third month after I will patiently wait without further Interest than is Charged in the Acct.

I am &c

46 Joseph Anthony & Co 1 mo 31. 1801

Your fav of 8 ult is duly rd and am much oblgd by your reasonable remittance & think of a Chest for $1000 which we have placed to y[r] Credit & WR&C am copartnership terminates with the close of the year by late partner has journalized for Cr 1/4 the late concerns devolves on me for settlement am pleased to find you did not clear the sale of the Oil as we do clear it must considerably advance very few ships are now engaged in the Fi not are expected to this port this year only one vessel & best few for Sp Oil for Nat Hist I request you write not sell at less than $1 p gl & I shall be pleased with your thoughts upon it that if it will not sell at that we may if we obtain the contract deliver it over to the government

Allen Shepherd

James

2 mo 4. 1801

On Settling our Bond at the Custom House

I send the Debenture for the Goods Shipd by the Sarah on your Account in the Ship Delight must be endorsd by the Shipper, thy name on the back of the indorst & return it to me by the first Convoyance - if no Packet to Port. I with thank thee to give me the price of Exchange on London at New York

James

Estes Newhall

On Comparing thy Act with our books I found thou had made some error, at one time thou sent us $110 & Charg^d. it only $100, Inclos^d is the State of it on our Books which is free from error, Please to make thine Conformable, balance now due $ 593-52. if thou will send me an order on Michael Graham which I think thou propos^d. he will answer to me the balance of his Act. I shall be Oblig^d. by thy informing H Olivi & Son that I left their Notes at the Branch Bank & forgot to send them would, have Friends from New Jersy Isaac Hutchm and Jo^s. Satterthwait on this side Rhode Island & expected here next first day. I shall not be able to send the Straind Oil of the best kind to them under one Dollar ₰ Gallon shall thou wish to have it at that

I am &c

To Isaac Hicks 2 mo 4. 1801

I received thy favour of ₰ Taber and am sorry to find Exchange is so low that thou had thought best to sell the £600 I sent thee as thereby thou art in advance for my a^c. should it not be lower than 2 or 3 p^ct. Discount I should prefer its being sold more or less & replacing the money due thee than for my own convenience as at present I am subject to no great call for money, please to inform me if thou hast still 1/8 Shetings on hand of ours left by A Shepherd last spring or if they have been accounted for I find them outstanding on our late C^os. books & not having Abm here to explain am at a loss about them if they are sold & sales not rendered thou will please to forward them. I hope thou will find a good conveyance for the Coffee & Sugar to Hamburg or any other port thou thinks will do as well as I often think of the danger of fire as well as the expence of such long storage I wish thou could sell it to nett 21 Cents clear of all expence — I am &c

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To John Taber 2 nov 1801

M Joubert a French man from West Indies intend to New york stopping here solicited my care of a bill of Exchange endorsed to him signd Nath Jones on Jabez Jones Falmouth dated St Martins May 15. 1800 for 109 75/100. I indorse the same and request on his behalf that we'll procure payment or not if honord have it duly protested and send him either the money or protest directing for him at La Peyres Merchant NY

Pelig Coffin Esqr 2 mo 13 1801

Jirh Shearman Collector of Taxes for the town of Dartmouth has left with me $768-50 to send thro for that towns taxes for 1800 which am I intend inclosing in this letter & when thou hast rect it I shall be much obliged by thy sending me a rect in his name If I dont find bills suitable to send thee, I shall have $500 in U S Bank on the 23d inst & will send a Check of that date for the balance, which please to reserve until that time. Thy attention hereto will oblige thy respectful Friend &c

Inclosed are 3 Union Bank. 100 each $300 Dist 5. 180 Fort Montague S. No 278. 279. 280
1 Do - - - - - - - 50. Edwd. Edwerson of S H
US No 5326. 16 Feb 1797 } 100 1 Massachusetts - - - - 50 No 46 a among
5974. 1st Cl. } a among
G. 3148. 6 Feb 1800 } 3 US. Boston Branch 100 ea. 300
150. US. 4341. 21 June 179 1 D. 50. 1 D. 10. 1 D. 5 - - - - 65 Dollars
my Check - - - - - 3.50 768,50

Sd N Fisher 2mo 23. 1804

R F's letter of 14th ult

did not reach me until the m/ of 7day
21st & no mail has since left town
I therefore hasten to reply to his
inquisition relative to ordering
same goods out in the Ldn Pkt

Could your letter reach in season
before A & B had made any engagmt
therefor it would be perfectly agree
to me that those goods you mentn
should come in her & at the rate
do. here as same Skins might be
left out without disadvantage

Our letter to Petersburg went
forward in time apprising a Br. whose
son-in-law lay part in Stainsby
& part in London & we have
so much confidence in T Brown &
who have done our business
for 5 years that we only state the
order for the Cargo and leave them
to pursue it in the manner what
they may think most
for our interest whereby we
mean for the advance in
Summer we have made such
saving but in some articles it
is not unfrequent that they lower
in price but their judgment has
never failed proving to our
advantage — If you can forward
your letter in season to meet the
Ship I of here at Petersburg it will
be in season if not in time
for her in London could charter a

50 Ships of 200 Tons that would
probably answer your purpose
as well to fill them up with
Plank have had last voyage
only 50 Tons of Iron to Ballast
New Sable does best for our
slitting mills because it costs
a little less than Old & affords
but little profit Plank was very
high last time we imported
which was in 99 (it was still
higher last yr) 70 Tons then cost us
on board Roubles 21838 the exchange
was then 25/8 p Rouble but I
heard last yr it got up to 32 I have
seen it from 32 to 24 since I have
been concerned in the Trade Iron
exchange on Plumbers was 5/p Ton
than on London 50 tons of Iron cost
on board 6573 Rs their Ship & Charges
amount to about 9/p Generally
a good carrying Ship will carry
about half her tonage in Plank
Any further information
I can give you it will ever
afford me pleasure to render
but fearing I shall miss the
post obliges me to omit it now
yr Ai will be made compan
on our books — I am &c

Richard Blow

2mo 23. 1801

Since our Letter under signature
of Wm Robertson & Co that Copartnership has dissolved
and my late Partner Wm Barker having embarked
for Europe the Settlement of all our late Concerns devolves
on me The two favours have reached me the last
23 Ultmo Covering Capt Nye's Bill on Humphry

Hathaway for $200 is placed to thy Credit & I have also given Hathaway a draft on thee for five Hundred Dollars & also one this Day to Weston Howland for One thousand Dollars which thou will please to pay & place to our Acct. We noted in thy Sales the Second Line 11 Pieces Duck @ 108/ Carried of £56.2 instead of £59.8 difference £3.6 Short Lgh 5% C. Commission 3/4 $10.44 which we Charge thee in addition to the balance of Acct rendered us. say $1494.54 Making on our books $1504.98 Thou will please examine & if right conform thim thereto

I am
&c

2mo 25. 1801

To Allen Shepherd

I am oblegd by thine of 13th & note the error in the Debenture not before observd altho the Collector had accounted for the proper sum taking the figures for his guide, I rec'd for the Delight a Duplicate of which thou inclosed me an original Certificate which I apprehended was necessary for thee to Cancel the Bonds thou gave in York on entering out the Sugar & Coffee thou ship for our Acct in the Delight, I nao return it to thee, I am sorry to find Exchange is getting so bad, I have already made appropriations for our money in Hamburg that I shall not have any to draw unless the Lydia goes there & having submitted the disposition of her Cargo to A Barker do not wish to draw upon it until I hear from him. The Coffee damaged in the Delight was sold at Auction but what the Loss was I have not yet found

I am &c

2mo 28. 1801

William Hammatt

I duly rec'd thy Letter & doubt not but the other Ton of hemp thou omitted weighing was right as it did not prove that the pile in which a mistake was feared, was taken out of the Store, I was not in town when the Packet Sailed for the Hemp or thou should not have had the Bands nor did I know they were sent thee until I rec'd thy Letter, I am sorry for it & whatever deduction thou thinks right therefor will be satisfactory to me as we have weighed over all our Hemp and found less than I Apprehended I did not with at Present to fill

any more, as its probable we shall now know
of that Article before the Lydia Returns

James
3 mo 2 1801

John Taber

I have by last Post rec'd a Letter
from my Brother wherein he urges the Shipment
of a Cargo of Lumber this Spring & I wish no time may
be lost in accomplishing it at an early Period I request
thy Information what Progress is made in Procuring the
Cargo and the Ship whether thou sees any prospect of
a Cheap purchase that will be better to him than Char-
tering is the price of 8$ P. Ton lower than has usually been
Given, as in that Case rather than have it delayed it
would advance it. He mentions Something of the necessity
of being very Correct in the Invoice or manifest as no
post entries are allowed but I rely upon thy Information
upon this Point. I wish thee to give me notice of the
Ships probable departure as I want to forward by her
a few Articles from here. If thou Cannot accommodate
the advance towards thy Note please to let me know in
Season as I have not the Money at Command & must
negociate Exchange before I Can do it. I submit the
whole to thy judgement to Charter or purchase an old
Ship but to purchase upon no other Acct that where
it will probably Cost him less than to Charter, Indeed
I have not much Expectation a purchase Can be made that
will profit him, and perhaps more difficulties may arise
than benefits, I had therefore rather one was Chartered, In
haste & wishing to be early Informed how the business is like to
go forward.

James
3 mo 6 1801

Micajah Abby

Thy Letter of 25 last mo did not
reach me until yesterday, the Contents duly observed,
I delayed doing any thing respecting my Claim on Boyer
Estate for the Company Debt until last Second day the
2nd Instant when not hearing from thee & fearing I should
be too late for the last examination I sent it on to 6 Bottom
my situation at present is such from disappointments in
receiving payments that are due to me, that I Cannot

Command as much Money as I Owe and until I can
I Conceive it wrong for me to Loan any money therefore
I Cannot ~~Conceive~~ see my way to Conform to thy proposition
As J Fuller has the Security on thy Estate if he is willing
to give his with thine I will I will still Confirm my
proposition of the 2d Ult and as to the money he has to
pay me if it is not Convenient for him to do it at the
time E Newhall spoaks and it will be an accommodation
to him or thee his Note on Interest for twelve months will
be acceptable. Please to Inform Benjn I recd his letter with
Copy of the Inventory for which am obliged, I Cannot make
any Conclusion respecting purchasing his house until I find
what dividend he is like to make, as my Situation as above
will not admit of advancing more money, I am &c

3 mo 6 1801

Estes Newhall

Thine of 25 Ult reached me yesterday with
P[e] N.S order on Michael Graham for $74 which he has accepted
I now Enclose thee thy Acct by which thou may find where
the error was and if thou finds it not right thou may
Correct it, by our Acct now with $74 out thou stands Indebted
$519.52 if its not Convenient for Joseph Fuller to pay what
he owes thee thou may take his note on demand with Interest
in my name & send me & perhaps I may not Call for it under a
Year, Your Company Note for the residue will also if they
wish be agreeable perhaps it may be Convenient for me to
rest a year or more.

I am &c.

3 mo 6 1801

John Taber

Thine of 23 Ult I recd yesterday & wish
if a Ship Can be Chartered even at five Pounds P[r] Ton
that it may be accomplished as speedily at possible as Benjn
has lately given me liberty to go to that price, but if it
Cannot be done for that the whole must be given up,
I wrote thee a few days since upon this subject to which please
to be referred.

I am &c,

3 mo 6 1801

John Ritchie

Thine of 3rd I duly recd and note thy Observation upon the Interest due on thy note when I sent it down for discount I Calculated with the Interest it would leave a little balance due me from Wm Smith which I requested him to endorse on another Note he holds against our late firm. I have now advertised to his letter which Coming to hand in my absence from home while last in Boston I had not discovered the Error. I now find the money be rec'd for thy note fell short 45/100 of the amount of the note be cancelled & indorsed to me the Interest is mine and it will be agreable if thou will pay it to Wm Smith to whom I shall shortly have a payment to make

I am &c.

2 mo 28 1801

William Allen Esqr

Although we have not had any information of proposals being issued for the supply of the Light Houses in the United States with Oil for the ensuing year, we think best to make our proposals in season & therefore Inform thee that as neither of us nor we presume any one house in New England has on hand the Quantity of Oil pr'yd from Head Matter that the Government may want owing to the much smaller quantity of Head Matter being brought on this season than for several preceding years, We unitedly agree to deliver to thy order one third Part of what the Government may want at New Bedford, and two third parts at Nantucket at Dollar P Gallon, and if & if required to be full bound two Dollars & fifty Cents P Ton, with the Customary expences of trucking & wharfage, if we ship the same by thy order, and the quantity of Oil Strained from Body Oil that the Government may want we offer at Nantucket at Eighty Six Cents P Gallon subject to the same expences we shall be pleased to hear thy result as early as may be and are thy respectful Friends

3 mo 11. 1801.

Benjn Lincoln

Having prepared the foregoing to forward before the appearance of the advertisement we now forward it to thee with observing that our Offers are to supply the different kinds of Oil at the prices before exprest and the Quantities as follows 6000 Gals pr'yd from Head Matter at New Bedford.

and 12,000 Gals of the same kind, & 6000 Gals Strained Body oil delivered at Nantucket with ~~the~~ respect to the Size of the Casks we cannot with Convenience put it all into Casks not exceeding 40 Gals but will furnish it as near to that size as in our power. What is at New Bedford is in ~~c~~ Casks of a much smaller kind than we have usually had,

3 mo 13 1801

Isaac Hicks

Thine of 12 Ult duly rec'd and am glad thou found a secure place for the Coffee, I shall sell the residue & the Sugar ship to such market as thou thinks best, & hope it will soon be done, the Sugar I expect will do well in England & the North. I am oblig'd by thy hint respecting Schuias, Altho I regret the bill for £500 was not sold yet I am fully satisfied thy object in holding it was only to serve my Interest, I wish to know if thou hast 17 Ps Russia Sheeting on hand belonging to the late Co of W & C & on hand I think it favorable as they have advanc'd. The Case of Instruments has come to hand & am oblig'd by thy Care

I am &c

3 mo 13 1801

Thads Mayhew

I have duly plac'd to thy Cr $490 thou paid Jer Howland for which I am oblig'd & being unwilling to sell Exchange While so reduced, I see I shall be short of Cash without some portion & on looking over thy acct I find $280 falls due the 29th which I hope will be realized at the time as I think I shall not be able to make out without drawing nearly by that time but hope to hear from the & if there should any doubt arise of the paymat, I wish none of my Candles sold under 50/100 as the Intercourse with the French Colonies must increase their value, I have some remittance to make my brother Thomas at Hartford, perhaps I may authorize his drawing on thee if so & thou should not be in Cash for our acct I request thy honoring his draft & redraw upon me,

I am &c.

3 mo 1801

To Thomas Botch

3 mo 14 1801

Josiah Bradlee

My Letter of the 10 inst with Sales of 18 Boxes Candles & the nt Pds $255.18 is placed to thy Debit I now hand thee Invoice of 70 Boxes more sent by N Bdle which hope will reach thee in safety & find a speedy sale

I am &c

Fretlet & Bell

3 mo 17. 1801

your favour of the 10th I duly rec'd and am sorry to observe that the Candles are so spotted as to injure the sale we cannot think of having them sold under 50/100 it being the lowest any of our manufactory has sold for a long time & I have no doubt they will fetch it. we have sometimes found our workmen had put in a dark paper which we had thrown by on acct of their staining it's probable they had used it in packing those Candles if you find those spots injure their sale & it appears they are thro the Box generally so I should prefer having them return'd & remoulded. if there are but few stains as it does not alter the quality of the Candles I hope they will sell, yet if it is that kind of paper I have described perhaps it may be best to send some of another kind & have them repacked as it may still injure them more, I am much obliged by your attention to the Shipper which are safe to hand & I shall request Wm Bdle to pay you thereof

I am &c

3 mo 17. 1801

Chr. M Sloan

By Capt Tiber I rec'd thy favour of the 2nd inst with $246 20/100 the balance of thy acct to which my books are conformd & I have endorsed on all three notes the payment the payment of the Interest up to 2 mo 24.

3 mo 26. 1801

Thaddeus Mayhew

Since I wrote thee on the 13 I find my Brother is disappointed in his expectations of sending me some Flax, if thou can procure me one or two Thousand weight of a good quality I shall be obliged by its coming by either of the Packets should this reach before either of the Packets leave N York I shall be glad of a little of it only 500 as we are nearly out in our Factory

I am &c

3 mo 20 1801

Isaac Hicks

I am disappointed in a quantity of Flax my brother had expectations of sending me from Hartford if thou can procure me one or two thous^d wt of a good quality I shall be glad to have it as early as thou can convey it. — Does not the opening to the French Colonies increase the demand of Candles when mine are sold I shall be glad to send thee more I hope soon to place money in thy hands to balance what thou art in advance

I am &c

3 mo 20 1801

Thomas Gilpin

Thy esteemed favour of 16th came duly to hand with the Sales of the Candles which are satisfactory and being indebted to I Hicks in N York about the Sum thou mentions being in Cash when Convenient to thee I shall be obliged by thy remitting it to him & if thou finds no other advice from me when in Cash for the residue & thou can obtain a Check on the Bank at Boston for the amount it will be agreable to me, when any of our Coasters go to Philad^a I propose sending thee 50 Boxes more of Candles

I am &c.

3 mo 20 1801

James White

As one of the Notes thou holds against me falls due some time in this month I will either send the amt to thee or if thou art in want of Exchange on London & will take my bill for the amt of both Notes at Par I will send thee a bill at 30 days sight. One P Cent Discount is the lowest I have sold at this Season nor am I willing to draw at the present low price of Exchange but if thou anticipating the Note that falls due 6 months after the first will accommodate thee I will willingly do it. I mean without Dest on the note. I think both of the Notes are for $300 if I am not right please to Correct me. I expect some money paid into the Bank on the 23^d and as from the Course of our mails I cannot receive thy answer in time to meet the first note when due, I will enclose thee a Check for $300 & if thou agrees to the foregoing proposition thou may endorse me back the Check & I will send thee Bills by next mail after.

I am &c

3 mo 20 1801

Arnold Sweet & Co

I duly rec'd your favour of 27th ult to our late W R & Co which Co dissolved at the close of the last year and my late partner has embarked for Europe that the Settlement of their Concerns devolves wholly on me, I have duly Charged your Acct with the Sales of 30 boxes Candles & with you regret they had not netted more, was the price with you adequate to the additional Expence in Cost & Storage so as to leave them to net us as much as elsewhere It would encourage my further Shipment. but even in Philad.a where they Charge me only 2½ ₱ Ct they Charge but 2 Cents ₱ month Storage when you Charge 3 ₱ week which is a great difference, particularly in an article that can with Convenience be placed much out of the way & would scarcely Incommode any part of a Store. I presume however on remitting the proceeds you are not accustomed to charge Cost on bills or money which I have heard of being practised in Charlestown but Conceiving it unjust have never allowed I am in want of the proceeds & shall be oblige by your remitting it to I Hacks N York or if no opportunity of procuring good bills before Henry Beetle of this place comes home please to send it in money by him, I am pleased to hear our friend E Boon is like to make out to Expectation. his friends here who have accommodated him with goods are pleased to find you & R Bolton have offered in case of any casualty happening to him to Superintend & take Care of the property which they deserve me to request you to do

I am &c

Abraham Barker

3 mo 20 1801

Since I wrote thee from Boston nothing very material has occurred & our Connexion having generally been favored with health it has closely occupied my time during the winter to get our matters closed which are now nearly completed so far that its probable I shall draw will have another thousand Dollars to pay & which I am glad of—

James Andrews has shipped 6 Cannisters Sugar to Bremen 61 ℔ 14 by the Schooner Mary Capt Thos Drury consigned to Delius to whom I shall write to follow thy directions in remitting the proceeds perhaps it may be best to enter it in Duckwalers hands

J Hicks has also ships in the Commerce Traders Coffin 126 Bags Coffee 15710 lb to G Smith & Co I propose writing them the same Isaac writes me Brown Silvia from their net a profit of 20 p C. if thou does not find the late disturbance & interduction of paying Rupia bills may make it necessary to appropriate it for the Peterburg Cargo, half the Amo I should like should come out on mine or 4 p Ct on thy acct and the other half may be applied where it belongs if needed, from the rise of Sugar in England in consequence of the opening of Distilling I think its probable the Lydia was ordered to London — I fear the hostile appearance in the north may prove an impediment to her going to the Baltic but I hope not and that if she should be compelled to go to England with her Cargo she may go back and take another in Season to come home — I note hemp in England 1mo/ was £90 it will be as high here I have no doubt — I found we had 24 Tons on hand & thinking $320 a great price I sold 6 Tons at that price but P Howland had it bought in at N York afterwards at $300 I find a bill of Exchange we sold John Ritchie in the 6mo 13 for £500 at 2 p C. was omitted C. B R amo $2766.66 which please to note, & a bill sent to him J Hicks for £500 before thou went away he holds not being willing to sell at 2 or 3 p C. discount it was fallen to 6 a 7 & I do not mean to sell it if I can make out to pay W Smith have paid most of our debts here that so that B R acct stands nearly as thou took it this last bill being Credited — I am much disappointed in finding that Geo Jean Estate is not like to prove solvent we shall meet with Considerable loss there as also Brother Rodman we may blame ourselves in part as on retrospecting his letters I find he had informed us one half our Candles were sold long since near a quarter a year before he died, which was quite out of my knowledge since I forwarded my documents I have not heard if they were all sold, but finding B R were long since I conclude

they were also — B Alley having the benefit of the Bankrupt Act I fear will pay but little yet as our Companys debt involves Micajah, I hope in time we may be secured but must wait long, I have offered if he will give me security to pay the balance ab.t $800 in 4 years I will give up the interest he is not yet able to do it —

Thro' my confidence in B in giving him a rec.t in the Company's name and taking his note we are involved with him besides my private debt ab.t $600 but Micajah admitted all the money B.p'd at Bank to go towards that note — I have gained no intelligence Jn Griffen Barney since E Coffin spoke him within two days sail of Mapasura 4 months out — I wish to keep as much money in Dilkoans hands as we can conveniently to meet his bills if he should draw any and I do not see occasion to draw much at present —

J Tabor is not likely to get a Ship or Cargo of Lumber for Benj.a as the freight cannot be had under 12/ and his limits are 10/ plase inform him of this, but I intend writing him with this which goes via N.w York, with Duplicates Capt.n D Watterman is here and having taken John Coggeshall Daughter to wife is about engauging a Ship to load lumber at N York for Milford by her we intend to send a few articles of Bs furniture, which sister Eliz.a has wrote for but too late for the Eliza — We have accounts from London to 1mo 26 and Liverpool 28.th I am disappointed in not ~~hearing~~ hearing of the Hannah & Elizas arrival —

I have this day received a Letter from J D & C.o 1mo 6 with their account Current balance against us £1473.12.2 I hope thou will have it duly placed with them I have not time to examine and compare it with our account —

My Eliza and the Children unites with me in love to thee, Brother & Sister & N S Wall —

I am &c

3 mo 2. 1807

Fredk Delius

My friend James Andrews has shipped to thee for my acct 16 Cannister Java Sugar which I believe from what I have seen of it to be of good quality it went in Schooner Mary Capt Drury & which I hope will reach thee in Safety as it is not insured my late partner Abraham Barker I expect is now in London and unless he should instruct thee otherwise I request the proceeds may be as speedily remitted to London as possible to Thos Dickason & Co for my acct hoping soon to hear from thee in Answ. to our Co. letter of 11 mo 20. I am &c.

3 mo 20 1807

George Smith & Co

At the close of the last year terminated the Copartnership of Wm Rotch Jr & Co and my late partner A Barker embarked on the 12 of 1 mo in our Ship Lydia Capt Smith for Cowes & Market should he think best to go to Hamburg I have no doubt he will receive your attention your several favors to the late house dated 24th & 30 Octr 15 Novr & 6 December have duly come to hand informing of the damage done to the Coffee per the Dolphin & that the Coffee & Sugar were both sold, the Sales thereof I hope will soon reach me. those goods went without Insurance but by the Auction Certificate. I hope we shall not loose on the whole so much as the premium would have been— Our friends Brothers De Barque having opened a Cr in London for the balance they owed us I have drawn it of Course I do not expect any remittance from them to you. I Hicks has sent me Invoice & Bill of Lading of 186 Bags Coffee shipd per Commerce Capt Coffin which I hope will reach you in safety & as I expect it will be insured. should any Loss attend hope you will send proper documents. also certificate of Landing Whatever dirations my friend A B may give you relative to the proceeds of this Coffee you will please follow hoping soon to hear from you with Sales of the Sugar & Coffee

I am &c

To Frederick Delius 3 mo 21, 1801

I have this day rec'd your Circular by which am informed of the new establishment and hope you may meet with success therein, am obliged by the price Current and hope thou may avail thyself of the low course of Exchange to remit what money be due to me or the old Shipment also upon the last if not directed otherways —

I am &c,

To Isaac Hicks 4 mo 4. 1801

I have duly rec'd thy favours of 18th & 26th ult.o the former inclosing Sales of the Sheetings which are duly placed to thy debit, I am sorry to find Exchange remains so low, but cannot see any reason why they may be better, and if thou can dispose of the £100 at a loss of 6 p.c I had rather it was sold than retaind, as it was drawn for acct of my brother & duly advised of it & I have for his acct to pay W Smith of Boston $4250, by the 8th next Month to which purpose I shall be glad to apply the proceeds thereof — if thou can sell it for that and remit the pds to me or dirctly to him it will be acceptable, in reply to thy Query, I have only to say that having a wish to lessen rather than increase my business, I have long declind having any further concern in Navigation, & now am only concernd in two Ships — I am much obligd by thy care of my ~~cases~~ letters I have yet no acct of the Lydia's arrival if thou hears it please inform me, I hope thou will be able to Ship the Coffee before the 15th of 7mo after which it will subject me to the duty when the Certificate is rec'd please to forward it — I hope thou will find some

good Jersey flax to send me perhaps some fr. at Rahway could procure it as I hear that is the neighbourhood for the best quality — I am &c

4 mo 4, 1801

To Thaddeus Mayhew

I am obligid by thy favour of 27th ult and particularly for thy attention to the Garden seeds which are duly rec'd — I hope thou will obtain the expected payments being in great want of some remittance to Boston before the 6th of next month & if thou receives sum reason shall be glad of a draft or the Money sent on by the packet — I am pleasd to find thou art like to procure the Flax, if thou could purchase it of some person in Jersey to deliver in New York perhaps it would come lower as I hear its there sold at 12d to 12½ — I am &c

4 mo 7 1801

To Peter Pollard

I am much obligd by thy favour of 26 ult & have attended to the formalities requird & now return my acct affirmd to, & the Notaries Certificate & on examining J Scars Letter I find he mentions our Duck which was the blue mark being proved I inclose two of his Letters to confirm the price & the acceptance of the bill on Byrnes. When we sent Scars the bill for $ 988 94/100 we wrote him we should draw upon him for the amot & requested in case Byrnes should not accept Delanos bill that he would honor ours & we would reimburse him. the letter shews his reply. I conceive as the Duck was sold on a 6m not due when J S died & as that Debt was wholly at our risk & it has been since rec'd we are entitled to the whole but for goods sold & the payment made to him during life we stand just like other Creditors I wish thee to suggest this to the Administration who I think will see that if nothing had been recovd J S's estate would not have suffered by it but the whole loss would have been ours

I am &c

4 mo 16. 1801

To Richard Mitchell & Sons

Returning last evening
from Newport I found a letter from Wm Miller of which
a Copy accompanys this. I have also one from General Lincoln
who authorizes Stephen Hussey to receive on his behalf
11550 Gallons of Oil. as one third part of the 10300 Gal
is to be strain'd oil from Body for the Western & Southern
Lights abt 3433 Gls will be to distribute among those 7
Parcels. & General Lincoln writes he has orders to receive
2500 Gallons or the residue to make up 6000 Gal which
will be 2567 Gals by a vessel to sail next week for
Norfolk we shall ship the Oil for that place & will you
to send us about 330 Gls Strain'd oil to go there also
500 Gls to go to Montauk & we will make up those
quantities & we shall like also to send to N York 1800
Gls pressd & for you to send directly there 900 Strain'd
What is to go to Newport we also to wish to send there
as the people who carried it last year to Montauk
& Connanicut will be glad to carry it. to Philadelphia you
will send with more convenience than we. Doubtless
you can find a Vessel that will take the Oil for Wilmington
Charlestown & Savannah I have not been blamed for giving
9/ P barrell to land at those places or 6/ P barrel ~~to~~
directly to Charleston. or one of the places. You will please
to take for each parcel you ship three bills of lading
one to go to the Superintendant with the oil (which the
Capt. should bring back with the Val. of the person
who receives it who will also pay the freight. one to reserve
yourselves & one to send to the Commissioners of the
revenue it will also be well to take the receipts of
Stephen Hussey for the whole quantity as soon as you
can obtain them and send one to Genl Lincoln
in order to obtain his rect to send to the Commissioners
as the sooner the business is accomplished we shall be
able to obtain the money. the quantity ordered to
Genl Lincoln is 900 Gls more than he has appro-
priated which he writes me he supposed was for
Eggshead but as Miller directs that also here
I think he will not want so much ~~Genl~~ Hussey
of 900 Gls & as I observe no where any assignt for
New London I shall inform Mr Lincoln thereof & expect

he will order it there but you may do as you please if you are anxious to get the Oil off hand I do not Consider ourselves under engagement to furnish it all in Casks under 40 Gallons but believe none ought to go over 70. Warren Howland who has carried it two years to the eastern Light says there is no difficulty in getting to most of the Light in so to 70 Gal Casks. those for Segun ought to be all in Barrells we shall endeavour to have ours mostly under 60 Gallons I am &c

To William Smith 4 mo 17. 1801

I now inclose thee a Check on the Bank of the United States upon the Office of Discount & Deposit for $1000 in favr of Richard Mitchel Sons endorsed by them James Barker & now by myself dated 30th March which please to endorse upon the Note signed by W Rotch Jr & Co for $4250 which falls due the 8th proximo. I hope my brother S Roman will provide for the payment of the residue before he leaves Boston, if not I shall use my endeavours to meet it when due - I have $1000 in Newport Bank in bills of 100 Dols which I shall be glad to send thee if thou art willing to take them - I am &c

To Richard Blow 4 mo 20 1801

Thy favour of 14th Ult was duly rec'd & thy observation upon the error I suppose in the acct Sales stands now corrected. I shall request Capt Crandon to call & take the 5 Casks of Oil if unsold & either bring back or sell in Alexandria. I hope thou has sold the Cheese if no prospect of selling it he may take that also. I had no thought of troubling thee

with those trifling matter when they were sent by Shearman. whatever balance may be in thy hands shall be obliged by thy paying Capt Crandon as I want him to lay it out in Hop^a The Ships from this port are generally in Europe & many of them we expect will find employment there all that I am concern^d in are engaged abroad I expect one early from the Baltic & shall in course of the Summer like to be informed of the demand for Russia Goods with you.

I am &c.

balance due me as the act now stands $94 54/100

4 mo 20 1801

John J Ladd

I hope ere this thou hast compleated the Sales of the Coffee & Candles and am sorry I am not informed recently of the state of your market that I might avail myself of the present conveyance to make some shipment. Should any of the Sail Cloth remain unsold I wish thee to return it by Capt Crandon being quite out of that article & it is demanded. If Capt Crandon can take 20 barrels fine & 4 bbl best Superfine Flour & thou art in Cash to that amount for our acct I should like to have it. perhaps I have not Inform^d thee of the dissolution of our late Copartnership which terminated with the last year and my late partner Abm Barker has gone to Europe the Company Concerns devolves upon myself.

I am &c

4 mo 20 1801

Richard Mitchel & Sons

On receiving your Letter of 18 I have adverted to the Letter I wrote Jere Lincoln accompanying our proposals & it is above transcribed which I presume Albert Gardner will remember was exactly conformable to our expectations when we consulted & agreed upon the Offer & also presume that he will recollect that it was our Intention to put down 18,000 $ then

prefs & 6000 Gls Strand. but he Suggested that as it was probable two or three new Light houses would be lighted this year a larger quantity might be wanted, & we therefor put it in the terms as they went to you & when I saw the advertisement it was so different from what I knew we had taken for our calculation, I mean H & myself that I thought it necessary to state our meaning clearly, I recollect Albert queried if the proposal last year was not for half of each & I clearly gave it my opinion that it was not, altho I was not at home at the time & never saw it. nor had the least idea it was so until afterwards, If you knew of it & Albert was Informed of it I was deceived. but I cannot suppose it was so intended to deceive me. Still however I am at a loss to know why any difficulty should arise. what preferance should have, who have both kinds of Oil, for my own part I entered into the agreement under the full conviction that 18,000 Gls pref Oil should be sold by us, & that myself & Brothers were to furnish about 6,000 Gl of it. This I contend was the true intent & meaning of our engagement without the least design of deception on our parts. If however it suits the Concern to furnish a larger proportion of strained I will Justify half of that quality going to each of the lights as I am clear it will met the approbation of the officers of Government where it can with convenience be sent reserving however our proportion of 18,000 Gls of pref agreeable to our first expectations. This will yet be subject to some regulation if you decide to increase the quantity of strained. as I am now about sending the quantity ordered for Norfolk & Sag harbour if. as there now seems no probability of my receiving the Strained from you in season for those places. I send the whole of pref Oil. It will not do to send more than half of the Strained to the other Lights. I cannot suppose that any one who has both kinds of Oil should prefer selling the Strained at 86 ¢ to the pref at 100. Of Course I can see nothing to create disappointment but a reluctance that we should supply so large a quantity, as nearly 6000 Gallons out of 24,000 but I shall not give way to such a Conclusion

until I have further rec'd your own construction of it as I should really be doing violence to my own feelings, to suspect men of your respectability of wishing to curtail us of a share that every argument would conform to us. I feel it a duty to forward the quantity agreed to be supplied from this place as speedily as possible & hope you will do the same, I shall write to Gen'l Lincoln by next post for liberty for you to increase the quantity of Strained Oil if you please. both my brothers are gone to Boston, that I have them not to consult with

I am &c

Josiah Bradlee 4 mo 22 1801

Thine of 8th instant came duly to hand with Sales of 70 Boxes Candles N Yds $1025.38 to thy debit & I am pleased with the Sale to a Person I apprehend so safe. Herewith thou hast Invoice of 100 Boxes more p Schooner Glide Jon'a Howland master who sails the first fair wind & which I hope will meet speedy sale

I am &c

Joseph Anthony & Co 4 mo 22. 1801

Your favours of 1st & 16 Inst are duly rec'd the latter accompanying Sales of 25 Casks of Sp Oil which Sold at a Satisfactory price yet the Same as we Supply the Gov't at, but we are a little Surpris'd at this quantity falling short 12 Gal's as it was all Guaged here by Gunter. we fear some mistake has been made Should you discover any you will doubtless Correct it. the N Yds $815.3.11 I place to your debit & am obliged by your liberty to draw therefor which its probable I may do before long. Should you see a prospect of Selling more at the Same price shall like to Ship a few Tons, we have not in this town one ton of Common Oil nor is any expected this season.

I am &c

4 mo 22. 1801

Thads Mayhew

Thine of 8th Inst came duly to hand with the Draft amot of which is Plac'd to thy Cr. I note thy being necessitated to renew

Blackford & Co note for 700 Dollars for 30 days
& punctually paid at that time it will be in
season for the purpose I mentioned. the Note I wished
to provide for not falling due until 8-11 next month
As thy acct stands on my books the balance due is near
about $640.

I am &c

4 mo 23. 1801

Isaac Hicks

Thy several favours of 31st Ult & 2nd
& 7th Inst have duly reached me & hope to return the
paper with this in J Mark & Co failure thy attention thereto
I hope will be continued. the flax came also to hand &
its amot is to thy Cr & I have debited thee $220 remitted from
Thos Gilpin. I note the Sale of the Bill of £500 if thou
has not remitted it to W S please remit it to me or
hold it for my Order. my brother S Rodman having
sold abt. £1000 Stg for me this week in Boston at
2½ pCt Discount & taken up my Note, at this time
Bills do much better in Boston than N York.

I am &c

The Debenture Certificate is read.
Please send me 20 barrels Tar by first Conveyance.

4 mo 22 1801

William Shotwell

Pleas'd with thy Invention
on the rear of thy Letter & Samples. I applied to all the
Blockmakers in the vicinity of this place & communicated
thy proposal to them. they approve of the plan but all
decline the purchase, as they find they can make more
money by putting in Composition boxes & they will not
cost the employer more. our Castings here cost us
42 ℔ 7 ℔ & they charge 16 ℔ for putting them in
by which they make great wages. I suggested to
them the profitableness of thy Iron Castings Costing
thee more than they could buy them for here
(having an excellent Iron founder in this town)
& that I had no doubt if that was the case, thou
would willingly abate the Cost of the Iron & allow them
to have them Cast. Should thou incline to make any
Alteration on this point I will gladly Consult with them
upon it. the taper of the hole in thy Castings is an objection
to them which our founder would remedy by making them straight

I am &c

4 mo 25 1801

To James White

I duly rec.d thy Obligeing favr. inclosing my note, and supposing with discounting the Interest it would be agreeable to the to receive payment for my other note which if I recollected right falls due in 6 Months from the 27th of the present mo of course the discount will be 2 ℔ Ct. leaving 294 Dol. for which I now inclose thee my Check on U States Bank & if it should not be thy Choice to have the note paid on these terms thou may return me the Check — I am &c

To Peter Roc Dalton

4 mo 25 1801

Herewith I inclose thee S Rodgers Check on Union Bank for $970.69 which I request may be rec.d & placed to my Credit — I am &c

4 mo 28 1801

Benj.a Lincoln Esq.r

I duly rec.d thy Letter & communicated it to my Nantucket friends, but they had so nearly compleated the Shipments it was their Choice to keep to the first proposal. by their working it will soon be all on its way. I did not in my last mention to thee that we have no order for the New London Light house it Slipped my memory at the time. the Vessel that takes it to Montock can so easily take that, that I regret not having the order therefor & if thou thinks well of it I would venture to send it —

I am &c

5 mo 1. 1801

Low & Wallace

The morning after Capt.r Howland arrived I wrote thee by S Kathaway informing that Ramsey Jaboshell & Barcroft of Waterford had shipped me for your Acct 10 Tods Glass Flint ware & the Brig Triton They are since entered & I have given Bonds for

the Duty amounting to $165.99 & the freight 16 Guineas I shall pay they are now landed & stord & will rest for your order. I am &c

5 mo 1. 1801

Isaac Hicks

Thy favour of 23 Ult with 2100 Dollars was duly rec'd by Joseph Howland & am obliged by thy attention thereto. I hope thou will soon close the Sale of the remaining 12 Boxes candles & give me encouragement to ship thee a further quantity The Declaration & Power are now Inclosed — I am &c

4 mo 30. 1801

Estes Newhall

Thine of 23 inst came duly to hand inclosing Joseph Fuller's note for $883.60 & thy own and Partners (having omitted $5.30) 130.62 leaving a balance yet due of $5.30. I have credited thy acct $514.22 for those two & thou may include the Sum omitted with the one of the Cask of Oil & send me another note for it. Interest after 60 days if thy choice to have that on Interest. By the first conveyance this shall I have sent the a Cask of Oil p^r Schooner Glide Jon^a Howl^d master for Boston who sails this morning with direction to put it on board a Lynn Packet which hope will reach thee in safety. I am &c

5 mo. 1. 1801

Joshua Sands Esq^r

By direction of Wm Miller Esq^r Commissioner of the Revenue I herewith hand thee Invoice & bill of Lading of 33 Casks of pure Oil marked W for winter use for the two Light houses under thy direction 900 Gls Strand oil for Summer use. I conclude is shipped on Nantucket by Richard Mitchell & Sons who are with me in the Contract. the freight I have paid on this Oil

I am &c

To John Taber

5 mo 2. 1801

Thy favour of 27th I received this evening inclosing $250 which with $50 to my Order make $300. I observe thy willingness to pay this sum for one years interest of thy note, but never having given or taken more than the Bank Interest, I am not willing to take it, to facilitate the payment I mentioned to thee, I did give at the rate of $7.38 $100 for $1100 and if thou art quite willing to allow the same (making on thy note for $3300 $243.54) I shall be quite satisfied & unwilling to take more, of course I endorse on thy note one years Interest and also $56.46 principal —

I did not wish to hurt thee in what I mentioned respecting the $1000. but only in case thou was calculating to pay it this Spring it would then have accommodated me particularly. — nor do I wish thee to make any sacrafice of property to raise it for me, but when thy circumstances will admit it shall like to be apprized of the

5 mo 5. 1801

Benjn. Lincoln Esqr

I now inclose thee Stephen Hedges receipt for thy Order for 8985 Gls pressed Oil & 2697 Gals Strained Oil & shall be obliged by thy sending me the rect therefor, & will also thank thee to inclose a duplicate thereof to Wm Miller Esqr as it will save time, as all but one of our Vouchers are now ready to go forward. & we wish as soon as may be to be in a way to realize some money therefor. My friends on the Island wish me to ask the favour of thy accepting their bills for a few Thousand Dollars if thou can with propriety grant it, on their acct I should wish it but shall not want any for myself until the time I may expect to receive W Millers Order

all the Oil is delivered and gone to its destination except to Newport & Nag Harbour, no orders yet for New London

Jam Rr

William Miller Esqr

Thy two favours of 31 March came duly to hand & thy directions have been attended to in delivering & shipping off the Oil for the Several Light Houses & it is now all gone except the parcels for Montook and Newport which is all ready & go on board, and I hope to be able to forward thee a bill of Lading of it after tomorrow — No Conveyance offering for Wilmington & Savannah, the quantities order'd for those places are Shipp'd with that for Charleston, as those will answer & bill Lading put in seperate Marks — I expect Genl Lincoln will forward thee his rec.t for what he has rec.d being all he had the disposal of — I now forward thee bills Lading of the parcels shipp'd to Charleston, Norfolk, Philadelphia New York & E. Pope Esq.r Receipt for that Ordered to him — On the receipt of these vouchers the Contractors will be much oblig'd by receiving part of the payment, as we are so much from the seat of Government much time may pass before a final close of the business — Thou may rely upon every attention having been paid to the quality of the Oil & also in forwarding it to its destination, no orders have been rec.d for sending any Oil to New London — I am &c

To Samuel G Perkins 5 mo 5. 1801

Thy favr. of 4.th was just now handed me by E. P. and I am pleas'd in saying that the day thou left us proved very fine for the Fish they were all dry'd and stored appear nearly fit to pack, & are not injured in their appearance, no weather has since occurr'd that would do to upon them — The Larboard side of the Rope appears

very open over the Quarter in the Garboard Strakes
-ed Capt. Watt tells me she has not leaked tho' 'Kellout so much
in 4 hours as a man would pump out in 15 minutes That he
supposes the whole defect will prove on that side. That side will
be finished by to morrow noon. The Caulkers not having
finished her top to heave out before this morning, Due
attention will be paid to thy instructions. I am &c

Richard Mitchell & Sons

5 mo 5. 1841

Your favour of yesterday
was handed me this afternoon. I immediately wrote
to Genl Lincoln & inclosed him S Hayes's receipt & request-
ed he would forward me his rect & send a duplicate to
Wm Miller to save time. I also requested him if it
was practicable to give you liberty to draw for part
of the money. as soon as I receive his answer shall
advise you. I have also wrote W Miller & inclosed all
the Vouchers you sent me with my own and requested him
to make an immediate arrangement to put us in Cash
for part at least of the amount. I shall endeavour to
state the accompt & send it forward by the next post.
On looking at our proposals. I find only mentioned expenses
of Trucking & Wharfage. of course I shall leave out the
pumping Bunging & marking. which on my first Con-
tracts I charged but the Commissioner would not allow it
if I had thought of it should have put it in the pro-
posals. as I know it is a just charge against the purchaser
but under these circumstances I conclude you will agree
with me that its best to leave it out. for the very interest
of the money for the time the payment might be delayed by it
in explanations would probably exceed the charge. and
notwithstanding profusion marks much of the distribution
of the public Money. yet in Contracts of this kind the
Officers of Government seem more critical than might
be expected from private merchants. I am &c

Peter Pollard

Thy obliging letter of 27 Ult. I received yesterday & have handed brother Rodman their acct with thy kind offer of serving them therein. I have examined the acct of Sales of the administrator & notice one Dollar in the first article 23¼ ℔ a 50 ℔ Box 25¢ carried off $11.12 for. $12-12. it acots only for 23 boxes 14 delivered thee makes 3 short of 40. I have therefore charged in my acct those 3 boxes not being able to ascertain the weight as thou did not send me the particular weight of those thou rec'd I have put them at 39 ℔ when thou can shew the administrator the weight of thine added to 670 ℔ in the Sales & those deducted from 1171½ ℔ Thus it will give the deficiency which at 51½ ¢ ℔ which the other have noted at least 25 ¢ each for the Boxes. which shew whether more or less than I have chd & the administrator no doubt will correct it — Since I wrote thee last I have been to Newport & was informed that Fr. Marlboro had received for Gibbs & Channing all outstanding notes for Goods G & C. had sold for their acct that had not fallen due at his death this is the principle I contend for as being just. I note thou says the Notes for our Duck had been discounted. & he had realized the money. had the Signers of them taken them up by discounting the Interest. I own my claim was lost, but if they had been discounted by others it matters not. for at the period they became due if by any event of Bankruptcy or failure they had not been recovered of the Signer it would have been my loss of course they were positively mine and I rely upon the good sense & justice of the administrator to consider them such. It is a principle I shall not relinquish. altho I may yield my claim from an unwillingness to contend I however presume justice in those intrusted with the care will on considering my case establish the point & satisfy me. having no Copy of G & C's letter I sent to thee I could not advert to it to see if I am right in calling the Sale 17½ Dollars for 19 ps Duck. for which I have charged in the acct 1½ Dollar & perc in addition to the Sales his clerk might enter it on the Sales at the usual price of Common Duck & not know it was sold higher. but nothing can be more conclusive evidence than his letter to me, which I hope thou has reserved. If I am wrong it is open to correction but am clear it was 17½ as far as my memory serves me, In the Sales stands after two single Boxes of Candles only thus 1799 Decr Martin Bowen 18 boxes 523 ℔ & 536 cds I inclose thee a letter from G & C dated Nov 18 1799 when he says the

Candles are abt half sold at 55 Cents this must have been after the 18 boxes were sold. and he having as appears by the letter altered the 55 from 53 it is no doubt in my mind he was correct at that time & doubtless his letter book will establish it had he not altered it I should have supposed he had committed an error. but I wish not to Increase thy trouble but if the Sales were left unfurnished & no price put to those 18 they ought to stand at 55. I shall inclose the Letter & submit it intirely to the administrators. if brother Rodman gets his acct ready I shall Inclose it with this

I am &c

Henry Dearing Esqr

5 mo 7. 1801

By direction of Wm Miller Esqr Commissioner of the Revenue. I now ship thee P Sloop Dolphin Capt Allen 22 Casks pr[ess]d Oil for winter use & 10 Casks Strand oil for Summer. each parcel distinguished by marks W and S. for which thou hast Invoice at foot & bill of Lading Inclosed. wishing it safe to hand.

I am &c

Wm Ellery Esqr

5 mo 7. 1801

By direction of Wm Miller Esqr I now send thee P Sloop Dolphin Wm Allen M[aste]r 14 Casks best pr[ess]d Oil for the use of the Light House for which Invoice is inclosed with bill of Lading.

I am &c

Isaac Hicks

5 mo 13. 1801

Thine of 1st with 20 Bls Tar. I duly rec[eive]d & feel obliged by thy information of the Indisposition of S R Js youngest daughter. we had not been informed of it before nor there any other Channel. We see no prospect of another stock of Head matter this Season & do not feel anxious to sell what Candles we have short of 50¢ at which price we sell many in Boston. I hope after the Glut of this Spring they may be raised with you when I shall be glad to supply thee. I have T Mayhews liberty to draw on him at 60 days date for $750 will thou be so kind as to have it accepted & thou need not let him know but it is to be discounted. & hold it for Collection, please also to take the trouble of Collecting his fathers Ord[e]r dated 4 mo 28 at 60 Days after date for $600 & have them both when rec[eive]d to my Cr. I hope from the Lake is now acceptably with us.

I am &c

5 mo 13. 1806.

Low & Wallace

Yesterday I recd your letter of the 4th & having directions to follow your orders with respect to the 10 Hhds of Glass ware. I have this day shipped 5 of them p^r the Packet Lydia Capt Croft & inclose Bill of Lading & expect the Fame Capt Taber to take the other 5 to morrow when I shall forward you the amt of the expences I have paid upon them.

I am &c

5 mo 13 1806.

Thads Mayhew.

I duly recd thy obliging favour of 8th & am satisfied with thy renewal of Blackford's Note if he is only a safe man. altho I have particularly wanted the money in this mo. yet thro the kindness of my friend Hicks I have made out for the present, but it suits me very well to draw in his favour & he may procure thy acceptance discounted. I therefore draw this at 60 days date for $750. thy acceptance of which will oblige. &c

5 mo 12. 1806

Champlin & Smith

This evening I recd a letter from London 3 mo 23 accompanied by an Invoice shipd by Wm & Saml Jones in Ship Maryland. James Wills for my acct to your Addrss. an Invoice I presume has also been sent to you but I shall keep mine & send you the Original & request you will duly enter them & ship them by the first Packet. for this place with a bill of the first duties &c and for the amt I will request J Hicks to remburse you. The Philosophical apparatus (except the two telescopes) being for the use of Friends School in this town I suppose are by Law exempt from duty. which you will please to represent at the Custom House, their amt is £25. 4-6 & the whole amot of the Invoice being £62. 10. 9. Charges which I suppose are first deducted £3. 2. 6. Leaves. £ 34-9-9 Subject to duty. I suppose at various rates. your attention hereto & having them speedily forwarded will oblige your respectful Friend

5 mo 13 1806 I am &c

Benja Lincoln Esq^r

I now inclose the 5 Hhds root for 11432 lbs Ol which makes the quantity ord for Govt just 24,000 & is within the quantity we had orders to deliver thee. I shall be obliged by thy sending forward thy rect as soon as may be to meet our acct

I am &c

5 mo 15 1801

Low & Wallace

Your letter of the 7th ordering the 10 Hhds Glass to rest for the order of Francis Brown of Hartford reached me last evening but in conformity to your previous directions of yesterday morning put 5 of the Hhds on board the Packet Fame & the day before 5 on board the Lydia & they are all ready to sail this morning & as it is doubtful if we have any conveyance for them direct to Hartford for a long time should they be ordered there. I hope it will equally meet the views of the owner I have engaged the Frt low one dollar P Hhd. You will doubtless pay the Frt

Yours &c

To William Miller Esq.

5 mo 8 1801

I herewith have our Act. of the delivery of the Oil Supplied the United States and our bill thereof amounting to $2350.53 which hope will prove free from error and that we shall soon be reimbursed therefor. You may observe that the charges of Sailbending exceed the quantity of Oil sold by the Cask. I inclose the bill of Lading for the Oil to Sag Harbour & Newport with General Lincoln Recpt. completes our vouchers. Yours &c

Francis Brown

5 mo 15 1801

Ramsey Gatchell & Barrow shipped me from Waterford per the Triton Capt Howell 10 Hhds of Glass Ware subject to the order of Low & Wallace of N York I immediately informed them & they on the 5th inst directed they should be sent forward to N York not then having recd any other Advt. I accordingly on the rect of their Letter shipd them 5 Hhds on each our Packets Viz N 4. 7. 8. 9 & 10 per Lydia Capt Crosby & N° 1-2-3-5-6 per Fame Capt Taber at $1 each Hhd. The Vessels were detained until this morning for a fair wind. When they sailed & must have a good run & may probably be in N York to morrow. Last Evening I recd another Letter from Low & Wallace informing that finding the

Goods were for thy Acct they requested they might wait for thy order. as the Packets could not easily be detained to reland them & seldom any vessels pass from this to Hartford together with the Eighteen of the Frt. I concluded it would be thy Choice for them to go on to N York & be shipped to this Frt thence. the expences I have paid will accompany this amounting to $ 80.34 Commission on that & Duty 2½ pCt $6-16 together $ 86.50. this Sum I shall be obliged by thy paying to my brother Thos Roth who resides in Hartford & the duty amounting to $ 165.99. thou will please to give him Security for payable at 8. 10 & 12 months frm the first Inst. ⅓ each. to him I shall send the bill Lading. bill of Storage & wharfage.

Rathborn Reeves & Duncan 5 mo 15. 1801.

Altho the course of my busings has not led me to any connection with your part since the Minerva's return frm Liverpool. yet is incumbent upon me to say your attention to the busings of that Ship met my approbation & the accts were agreeably closed. at present I am concerned in very little Navigation and that little kept employed on account of the owners which directs them a different course but whenever occasion occurs. shall be pleased to renew our correspondence. the house of W B Jun & Co dissolved at the close of the Last year & should my late partner Abm Barker who is now in Europe be at Liverpool, permit me to recommend him to your acquaintance. as a friend in whom I have every confidence. It has been my intentions when I wrote you to mention a little the unpleasant situation of my much respected Friend who has frequently in confidence expressed to me his fears that the event of several adventures to Europe he with his Brother had made would prove so unfavourable to their Interest. that with Several Heavy Losses that could hardly be calculated upon even with strict attention to prudence he feared would disqualify them to meet their payments with that honour that I am convinced the rectitude of his Heart has ever has ever aspired after & I hope you will excuse the freedom I take in saying that I consider him a young man of real merit & respectability but unfortunately from the flattering prospect of one or two prudent adventures & the allurement of very advantageous offers frm some

European Agents in this Country they were Indorsers previous to the unparalleled embarrasments of 1799 in Europe to make several Large Shipments & that unexpected event eclipsing their prospects they have been ever since in a painful suspense. not being furnished with their acct Sales have not been able to ascertain the extent of their Loss. & as I apprehend you are one of their Largest Creditors I take the Liberty of recommending them to your consideration & lenity. perswaded in my own mind that such is the goodness of his Intentions that altho he should (after giving up all without reserve) be exonerated by his Creditors yet if it should ever be in his power he would pay off every debt. perswaded that I am in this Address actuated by no selfish principle but only by real Friendship for an afflicted & virtuous young man & hope your candour will excuse me & believe me

I am &c

To S Higginson Hc

5 mo 16. 1801

I have now the pleasure of informing you that the Hope has saild this afternoon having been detaind for disappointment by one of his hands could not find another until nearly noon. Having collected all the acts that are within our recollection I have made out acts which I suppose belong to the Underwriters to pay and also the Schooner, and entering the whole in Acct Curt with you including the bill of stores &c Folk our Pd Steges purchaid &a &c of Art of the best kind sent p Capt Church who saild this morning for Boston in Sloop Seaflour I hope the whole will prove to the satisfaction of those concernd, and should you observe any charge that you think improper I shall be oblig'd by your information thereof - balance due me $260,47 if you send right I will when convenient draw for same &c

To William Miller Esq.r 5 mo 23, 1801

Having returned home this evening after a week's absence I found Gen.l Lincoln's receipt for the bill delivered to his Order, contrary to my expectation, having long since requested him to send forward to thee One of them and the other to me all the other vouchers I hope ben received ere this, and I hope orders have ~~ben~~ come from the Treasury department by which we shall be able very shortly to avail ourselves of the amo.t of our Acc.t

Sam.l Vc

Respected Friends. 5 mo 26. 1801

Robert Lovell & Co. Bristol

same to Tho.s Errington London Altho wholly unknown to ~~you~~ thee I hope ~~you~~ thee will excuse the liberty I take in addressing ~~you~~ thee upon a Subject that appears probable will prove to ~~you~~ thee a loss in property & to my much respected Friend not only a loss of reputation but also wounding to his feelings as a man of honour & virtue that any one their him should receive an injury, from a persuasion of ~~your~~ thy candour & due consideration of cases of this kind. where ~~you~~ thee can be assured of the intentions having ben constantly guided by rectitude of Conduct I am the more free to inform ~~you~~ thee that he is really a deserving man that from very laudable motives he felt himself under the necessity of employing every talent to provide a comfortable support for aged parents & two Sisters. once very affluence but from unfortunate circumstances & intellectually decay of his father were reduced to nothing. at a time when he was just out of his apprenticeship. His reputation & Character induced some foreign agents to Encourage him in a few Speculations to Europe by advantageous offers which happening to be at the moment that so much embarrassment was thrown upon the commercial interest in the North of Europe their house became much embarrassed. at least apprehensive thereof, not having for a long time ben able to obtain their Sales they were kept in a very trying Suspence which has at last proved their inability to meet their payments altho it must be acknowledged they were guilty of imprudence yet the merit of the man I think warrants me in recommending him to ~~your~~ their candid consideration & lenity, from a persuasion that the only expectation there can be of his ever being able to make just retribution is by being set free for his present embarrassments. when I have no doubt for his abilities he may again rise & I cannot but hope to such a degree as to enable him to discharge every debt

and I have that confidence in him that if he should be discharged by his Creditors & ever be able I fully believe he would prove himself worthy of your Confidence & forbearance by paying your present demands. Soliciting your Candour for my thus intruding upon your I am &c

Champlin & Smith 5 mo 25. 1801

your favour of 20 came to hand with the Box &c from London in safety, & I feel myself much obliged by your care & attention thereto & should willingly have compensated you for your trouble therein the amt $30.32 thereupon I will pay S Russell & Son agreeable to your request & with the offer of any services it may be in my power to render you. I am &c

S. Higginson & Co 5 mo 25. 1801

After a weeks absence at Newport I returned the evening before last & found your favour of 18th 20 & am not a little disappointed in finding you expected the debenture upon the Cambricks. I recollect observing to Capt West it was a pity it could not be saved as it must be considerable upon so small a box. he made no remark to me respecting his having read any certificate for that purpose but E.B. since receiving yours tells me he had a paper read by the Sloop which West remarked was only the Clearance of the Cambricks. if so why he did not show it to me when I spoke to him of the Debenture I am at a loss. But I conceive to have shipped them under the knowledge of the Officer would have subjected the Vessel to an Entry Tonage Duty & which would have been attended with considerable expence. It was however his duty to have let me known it & then I would have done all that was possible. I am &c

Jacob Barker 5 mo 25. 1801

I am obliged by thy letter of 21st I have since inquiring thro' real information from Canton suppose by the Sovereign that the Barclay was momently expected there with 50,000 Skins on 28th of 12 mo last this coat I suppose came by the Oneida perhaps of New Haven. I cant find whether they sailed together or not should know see the Capt of the Sovereign perhaps he could inform last post brot me letter from Abm up to 4 mo 12 from Rotterdam. his future movements were not then settled, he was well. it seemd doubtful whether any Neutral Ships could load at Petersburg & Abm was detaining the Lydia till it could be ascertained. and several Ships bound there were gone into other burnings

I am &c

To Rorquette Boddemaker & Co 5 mo 26. 1801

Your three obliging favours dated 16th & 27 March & 13 April came to hand last week & I am pleased to hear the Lydia with my particular frd A Barker had safely arrived at Rotterdam but am a little disappointed in finding your market so dull for the articles that compose her Cargo. I cannot but flatter myself that a change has already taken place and that you have ere this been able to make advantageous Sales. however I fully rely upon your utmost attention for our Interest & shall be pleased to hear how you progress in the busings. Having a very particular friendship for my friend who I find is a debtor of yours, on this occasion I hope you will excuse the liberty I take in assuring you of the real merit that I conceive is attached to the Character of that unfortunate young man. who thro a laudable desire of providing for an afflicted & unfortunate family early engaged in business promising comfort to his declining parents who once lived in affluence but caught with the prevailing spirit of Speculation hazarded in a few instances imprudently which with several heavy losses where want of prudence cannot be attached. describe to me now in affecting concern his not being able to retain his 6ds it is very wounding to his heart & I beg leave to recommend him to your consideration & lenity being persuaded he will not withhold any thing from his Creditors but will ever feel himself bound by the strongest ties of honesty & honour to render every compensation to them that may be in his power altho they should give him a discharge. he is very fortunate in having but a few Creditors & not many to a larger amot than yours & I find all to whom his situation has been opened have manifested a very friendly disposition & I doubt not will be content to take their dividend & give him a discharge should he succeed in this with them all I think as he is young and much esteemed he may yet be able to retrieve his circumstances

I am &c

Joseph Anthony & Co 5 mo 25. 1801

Your obliging favour of 15th reached me last Post & I am pleased to find you have a sale for £500 more best Oil at $1 we have it on hand & Norton is expected to stop here from Boston when we shall send it to Newyork & reship it by Norton we shall want a few Bbl Flour. I have no Duck or Hemp to spare but have informd Brother Rodman who has 50 pcs Duck on hand & its probable will send it to you. I have a Ship in Europe that goes to Russia if any prospect of being admitted to bring our goods

I am &c

4 mo 26. 1801

Benj. Rotch

In consequence of thy order 3 mo 21 if we had not Chartered a Ship to Load with Lumber, thou wish'd to put it off till next Spring before which we should hear further fm thee. I wrote immediately to J Jaber who was then waiting my answer to close the Charter of one to be ready to load in 10 mo my Counter order reached him in season & it was not until the early part of last month that I rec'd any word fm thee again on the subject. since which I have been corresponding with J Jaber to find a Ship to purchase or to Charter and am sorry to find there is no probability of doing either to answer thy purpose no Ship to be chartered at even 120/ P Ton so high freight having been given abroad that all are more profitably employed & altho by thy Counter orders I expected thou meant to order different lumber yet I advised J J to procure during the winter such kinds as were best to get at that season but now I find fm the great rage for the West India trade the prices are so greatly advanced that he has procured none. I am very sorry for this disappointment to thee, but I cannot charge myself with any neglect about it & I now regret that thy letter of 1 mo reached me before the Ship in view had been chartered. as it now appears she would not have arrived before thou would have been ready for her. Red Cedar cannot be had nearer than Georgia & it will come so high to thee that I think it not worth thy attempt by no means to send for boards as they will so easily split that I think thou would lose the most of them. I was much pleased to find by thine of 1 mo 23 the H & E had safely arrived, and further by thine of 3 mo 2 in London thou had made sale of the former Oil & am sincerely glad that was gone off before the other was in the market. the prospect is now over for any more shipments of Oil should any more arrive it would command at least £50 & probably more we have obtained this year from Govt £1 P Gl for pressd Oil fm Headmatter. Ships have become enormously high that we despair of procuring any until thou take place my brothers & self have proposed to purchase two this Spring to put into the Fishery but will find none that will do fm the extravagant prices. the H & E has been the best purchase I have known since she was bought. I find on settling our Accts a bill £ 500 to J Ritchie 6 mo 13 was omitted Crediting thy Acct at 2½ P Ct prime is $2266 66/100 the £500 sent to J Ritchie for sale was holden until sold at 6 P Ct disc fortunately Brother Rodman met a sale in Boston last week for Exchange & drew on Dickason at 2½ P Ct disc by my request for thy Acct to compleat the last payment for the H & E abt £960 Stg

I am &c

5 mo 27. 1801

Thomas Rotch

I have just recd a draft from the Ship dated Ile of Georgia February 26. 1801 upon Cowles Deming Cowles & Co Farmington in favr. of Howes Swain endorsd to me for $281 66/100 at 30 days after sight knowing no one nearer than thyself I solicit thy attention in sending by some carefull hand for Collection & if honored advise me thereof & place to the Cr of my acct — I am &c

To Peter Roe Dalton

5 mo 28. 1801

By placing the inclosd draft G Simpsons upon thyself dated 21st May for $490.79 in favr. of Thos Gilpin endorsd to me to my Cr thou will much oblige me. I am &c

5 mo 28. 1801

Capt Howes Swain

I this day recd thy two letters of 3 mo 22d & 24 from St Helena Inclosing Fannings draft on Nixon for $2067 4/100 which I send by my brother T Hazard to Newyork for acceptance. and should it be accepted I shall leave this letter open to add hereto for thy information. if it should be paid at 60 days I shall give the liberty to draw upon me or request A Barker to pay thee in London as may best suit the the bill for 281 66/100 on Farmington I have sent for Collection to my brother Thomas at Hartford. I am &c

5 mo 28. 1801

Isaac Hicks

I shall be obliged by thy presenting the Inclosed bill for acceptance Edmund Fanning upon Elias Nixon in favr of Howes Swain indorsed for $2067 4/100 at 60 days sight and of thy informing me of its being accepted. as Capt Swain wishes to avail himself of it in London. if accepted please to say if thou think it safe for me to order it paid.

I am &c

Champlin & Smith

5 mo 28. 1801

I now Inclose you S Russell & Sons recpt for $30 21/100 amot you paid for my acct on the Bop of the Maryland. I have this day a letter frm W S Wait who informs that he was about shipping 250 £ in goods on his own account in the Fair American Fredk Bolton consignd to you. the proceeds thereon I will remit or pay as you may order and secure you

for the payment of the bonds at the Custom House I think it may be best to put the whole into one bond as the sum will be so small & if not equally convenient for W I Wall I will aid him therein as this will make less trouble for you. I wish your care to forward them by the Packet as the Lydia stands indebted to me. if equally convenient it will oblige me for them to come by her. I am &c.

Thomas Dickason Jr

5mo 29 1801

Since my last I have had the pleasure of your several favours dated 6 & 30 Jany 17 & 26 Feb 14 & 21 & 27 March 1 & 6 April the former covering your acct Current balance due to you £1473.12.2 to which I have conformd our books, but had B R been duly charged half the advance on the Lydia the balance would have been more than £1300 in my favr but if you will transfer the Balance due frm me upon your books to his account I will do the same frm the first of the year. and will regulate the whole upon my books you charging the interest from the settlement you last made. to him. I was very glad to find you had succeeded in the sale of B R's bill whereby I hope you will at maturity of Order be remburrid the heavy sums you must have been in advance for him the Consideration of this circumstance has prevented my drawing any faster than I have been negociated to do for his acct & having sent his acct with the Lydia I propose to rest the balance due the late W R & unless some unforeseen necessity should require my drawing further which I have been compelled to do as advised by my brother I Rodman who drew by my request in Boston to meet the last payment for the Hannah & Eliza. & I have since given my father a bill in favr Saml Enderby for £ all of which please to place to B R's acct as I have heard nothing of the bills drawn upon Dupar & Davis I presume they were honourd & I am much obliged by your kind assurances respecting them as also of honouring Capt Barney's bills for South America. I am daily in expectation of letters from Capt Barney sending that he sailed from Nassafuera in Company with a Ship that arrived at Canton 27 of 12 mo last reported to have 50,000 Skins. from some circumstances I doubt his having taken up any money there. on hearing from him I shall duly inform you, and if he has drawn shall make arrangements to remburse you as speedily as possible. I note your having paid W I Wall £150 & receiving from Capt Tryff £130 which shall be duly placed to acct. The sale of the Flour per the Lydia was very fortunate altho the expences she was thereby subjected to reduce the price considerably I have letter from J B & R Beeldemaker of up to 12 Ult at which time there was no sale for the Cargo & the Lydia was still detained for more explicit information of the liberty granted to Neutrals

to Load at Petersburg I hope they were soon recvd and that she has long since proceeded on her voyage. Capt Nyeh handed me the parcel for yourself & Dr which I speedily forwarded to him At the the Barclay was sheathed in London in 1794 for previous to her last sailing in 1799 her Copper was so injured that we were obliged to take it all off & very little of it was fit to replace & she was again sheathed with second hand Copper expecting that will be run out by her return if it is practicable to ship it from England I shall be much obliged by your sending me enough to sheath her by the very first ship. I shall add at foot what plates were charged in Saville's bill when she was sheathed in London. I wish it shipped to I Buck N York or to me via Boston as the first ship may sail as our intercourse with N York is now abundant more than to Boston I prefer that where the prospect of arrival is equal I am &c

316 improved sheathing plates 28 oz
150 do do
34 wide plates 26 ounces 22 oz

5 mo 30. 1801

To B Rotch

I am since the preceding without any of thy favours The Cook of the Hope was here yesterday and informed me the Ship had met with some injury in gaining the Dock which I am very sorry to hear but hope not so bad as he represents, doubtless thou will early state the Claim upon the underwriters if it amounts to 5 p Ct which is the smallest partial loss that is paid but if it is of a nature to make a general average whatever that may be is allowed thou will not neglect sending me the protest &c To Co closing our Accts with the year brings our late Co indebted to them £ 1673.12.2 by making us principal in the Lydia Batavia Voyage I have therefore Credited thee the two sums of 867.5.7 & 500 thou had paid & they had Cr me & charged thee with £ 1223 13-9 one half they charge me on Balance Batavia Acct of course thou stands indebted on my book in that business £ 2784.11.9 I have requested Dickason to transfer to thy Dr from the first of the year the balance of £ 1673.12.2 & this sum I have placed to thy Cr which I wish thee to Confirm to them. I have given Father a bill in favour of Enderby for £ 229.11.10 on Dickason for which at 2 p Ct dest 36 days £ 1000. Abm gives me Draft accts up to 13 Ult of the market at Rotterdam & informs me thou continued thy Concern in the Lydia I hope she has found the way to the Baltic before this & will be our early Hemp now sells Nearly at £ 40 0

6mo 2. 1807

Arnold Wells Junr

Having had a letter from my brother a few hours after the Hannah & Eliza arrived at Milford I have had no intelligence from that Ship since until a few days past one of the People reached home & informed me that in getting the Ship into the Quay the Pilot ran her on a Sand and the tides Nipping off they were obliged to unload her by lighters & that the Ship received much injury. how it will prove I know not or what loss if any will come upon the Underwriters. but I conceive it proper to give thee this information the Lydia arrived safe at Rotterdam, & I have intelligence of the Barclay sailing from Mayaguana in Company with the Oneida arrived at Canton & daily hope to hear of the Insurance upon her being up. What will be the premium upon that Ship from Canton? I believe ma writing thus for the Barclay was Insured at Taylors Office but shall want some Insurance back when I hear of her arrival at Canton. I am &c

6mo 5. 1807

Arnold Welles Jr

Craving reference to mine of the 2d Inst I have this day rec'd information fm New York that the Jane Capt Yardley sailed fm Canton on the 30 of 1mo in Company with the Barclay Capt Barney that he left her four days after passing the Straits of Sunday with a number of other Ships & the Jane arrived at N York on the 2nd Capt Yardley is a a very fast sailing Ship & say the Barclay sails heavy & may not be expected for several weeks I shall however look for her in two weeks or by the 20 of the month. the unarmed she having passed the Straits of Sunday in safety & having only the damages of the Seas to encounter I value the risk small & hope it may be insured at least for 2 P Cent less than the Diana from Manilla. I shall be glad to know the terms as soon as may be as what is done must be done soon as she may be expected to arrive before insurance is made. will thou oblige me with the Company terms by first post. I am &c

To Isaac Hicks 6mo 8. 1801

Thy two favours of 27th ult & 4th inst. informs me of the Shipment of Sugar & Coffee p the Hunter which I am glad to find, as also of the acceptance of Fannings draft on Nixon Snow in favr thee Wilson Bartows draft on Hicks Bart for Twenty One Hundred & Eighty Four Dollars 58/100 dated 6mo 1. at 60 days date which when matured thou will please to place to my Credit. As I am daily looking for Ship Barclay from Canton I may want to avail myself of some of the acceptances left with thee (in the event of her arrival) on anticipation provided they could be discounted at the Bank, but shall give thee due notice - as I am yet without letters from Capt Barry I know not what the Cargo Consists of in the mean time if any China goods are saleable with you shall be glad to be inform'd what kind & their prices - please forward the Sales of the Coffee as soon as thou can. I am &c

To Arnold Welles Junr 6mo 9. 1801

Thine of yesterday I have rec'd and also I do think S & C. now adequate to the Bark have concluded to have $20,000 Insurance upon 1050 Chests, half Chest & Quarter Chests Souchong Mypow & Bohea Teas & 500 Bags Sugar on board Ship Barclay Griffen Barney Master at & the Indian Ocean to her port of discharg in the U States provided the Company will allow two Copies of Invoices recvd from Sullivan Dorr who did the business are dated January 24. 1801 amo'g to $:30717.12 & the other dated Jan'y 26 1801 amo'g to $1212.25 to be sufficient proof of property in case of Loss as I have rec'd no bill of Lading

and wish to avoid the delay and trouble of sending back to Canton to make proof upon these terms. I like to have $20000 done & wish thee to send me the policy by the mail when done unless thou finds a safe conveyance by private hand with note for Premium &c Jam &c

6mo 11. 1801

Josiah Bradlee Thy letter of 3d inst covering sales of 100 boxes Candles is rec'd & duly entered & I have now shipd thee 100 boxes more by the Ship Susan Capn Howland which hope will find an equal market. I hope the sales that fall due this and the succeeding months will be duly paid as I expect some heavy calls for money in a short time. I am daily looking for the Barclay Capt Barney for Canton worth with Camphire & Bohea Teas & abot 30 Tons of Sugar & shall be glad to know the prospect of sale with you what price may be calculated upon & if a sale would be speedy, can thou find what prospect there is in Europe for a sale for Black Teas at least in France or Spain as I am informed from the North of Europe. perhaps some of thy frds may have knowledge of the markets there

Jam &c

6mo 11. 1801

James Andrews I have waited to have some encouragement from thee for the sale of Candles to forward thee some which I have on hand. please to give me thy thoughts on the market for black Teas whether now or next fall will be likely to do best daily expecting a quantity from Canton. our Ship has also about 30 Tons China Sugar how is the price & what comparison does it bear with Jara & Havannah. if thou knows how Bh teas would do in Spain or France I shall be obliged by thy information. I am &c

6mo 16 1801

Joseph Anthony &c. Since I wrote you last Capt Norton has arrived & will take the Oil & proceed for Philada in a few days I think best to give you this information that you may depend upon it being shipped. I am &c

6 mo 10. 1801 9.3

William Miller Esq^r

Last evening I recd a letter from the Comptroller stating that our acct had been allowed except $27 82/100 for charge to N York & from Nantucket. The bill of Lading for the Oil to N York expressly said freight paid of course I supposed that a sufficient Voucher. I have however procured a receipt from the Capt. which I now inclose & when the packet from Nantucket arrives shall procure a receipt for that this I did not think was necessary as all the Vessels oil was known to be at Nantucket & the first conveyance offering from here. I ordered both the quantity for Sag harbour & 300 Gls for N York to be sent here but before it could arrive the Vessel said for Norfolk & I put in the whole quantity of pres^d oil of course that first went back which increased the expence of it I hope in future if I should be agreed with to supply the Vessels again some person will be authorized to receive the oil here as after taking much pains & trouble in looking up Vessels & shipping the oil for which we are not allowed even the expence that we are actually at of pumping bunging &c which we do as agents to the Gov^t it is more trying to be perplexed very much particularly in matter that must appear proper upon the face of the business in having our acct closed, Capt Crandon who carried the Oil to Norfolk returned the bill of Lading with the Collectors rect for the Oil & freight not paid endorsed thereon he informs me the Collector refuses paying the freight because he had rec^d no Orders so to do as my acct were gone forward I have not paid it but wish thou would order it paid by Davis or some other person. If the servants of Gov^t thus perplex the Coasters it will be found difficult to procure them willing to transport it hoping soon to receive payment from the Treasury for the whole amo^t of our acct. I am &c

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To Peter Roe Dalton 6mo 18. 1801

I now indorse thee a draft from the treasurer N.o 3307 Dated 4th June 1801 for Twenty three Thousand Four hundred & seventy two Dollars 7/100 payable to Richard Mitchell Sons & myself endorsed to place to the Cr of the former $17450.71 & to my own Cr the balance $6022 when rec.d & placed I shall be much obliged by thy acknowledging ~~the same~~ of it by Post — I am &c.

6mo 18, 1801

Joseph Anthony &Co

Capt Norton having ~~been~~ been detained has ~~hitherto~~ been ready to take the freight & to enable him to go we have exceeded the quantity & sent 19 Casks 1000 lbs which hope you will find a Sale for at such prices as you may find for our Interest I shall be obliged by 4 bbl best Flour & 2 bbl Crackers By Norton

I am &c

6mo 29 1801

Thomas Filpin

I do not recollect that I have wrote thee since I rec.d thine inclosing a Check for $499 79/100 which came duly to hand & balances thy Acct with me I now send thee 100 boxes more of Candles which if thou does not find a speedy Sale it will be best to keep them in a cool store not exposed to the heat of the Sun as it may injure them but hope thou will soon dispose of them

I am &c.

Isaac Hicks
Jas.h Anthony & Co 3

6mo 23. 1801

Should the bearer Capt D Shuman be in want of 5 or 600 $ on my Acc.t I shall be obliged by either of you furnishing him therewith & taking his Ord.r on me — I am &c

Jas.h Anthony & Co 6mo 23. 1801

Should Capt Norton be in want of $500 or abt that sum I shall be obliged by your furnishing him & taking his Ord.r on me

Richard Blow 5 mo 20. 1801

Thy letter next the Sally was duly rec^d by the payment of Cap^t Crandon are all now stands balanced

Cap^t Hussey being bound to the Westward in his Ship Phebe & such a ^pt if he goes to Norfolk I have recommended his applying to thee & should he have occasion to draw upon me for his disbursments I shall give due honor to his ^pts Yours

Tho^s Dickason & Co 7 mo 1. 1801

Since my last of 5 mo 29 I am without any of your ever esteemed favours. the Barclay has not yet arrived at the two Ships are in who sailed with her from Canton & parted Company after they passed the Straits of Sunda. I have a letter from Capt Barney from Canton in which he says nothing of his having sold any bills on London I therefore presume he has not done it I hope you will be able to send out the Copper. I this day take the liberty of drawing upon you seven hundred Pounds in favour of Wm Allen London & shall be obliged by your honouring it at 60 days sight I shall request J Barker to have it in your hands by the time payment falls due. my last letter from him was 4 mo 23. then delivering the Sugar I hope the Coffee is also sold. I am &c

Jos^a Gurney Bevan & William Allen 7 mo 1. 1801

The late Yearly Meeting of Friends for New England were much impressed with tender Sympathy for many of our brethren & others within the Imperial Kingdom on acct of present Scarcity & high price of provisions & recommending Subscriptions in order to afford them some relief, during the sitting of the Yearly Meeting several hundred pounds were subscribed and we appointed to forward the same to the meeting for Sufferings in London with a request that they would distribute the

same at their discretion to the necessitous giving the preference to those of our Society. we hope considerable addition will be made hereto by our Monthly Meetings which we shall be carefull to remit as soon as the sums are known. We now inclose you William Rotch jr bill on Thos Dickason & Co London for Seven hundred Pounds which we desire you to hold at the direction of your meeting for Sufferings for that purpose.

Abraham Barker 7mo 1. 1801

Since I wrote thee I have been gratified in receiving thy several favours up to 4mo 23 when the Lydia had sailed and the Sugar was delivering I regret thou could not regulate the weight so as to have Justice done us but there is no help for such established Customs & we must learn better for the future. S Hicks has by the Hunter shipd the residue of the Coffee & Sugar sent him to Crombine & Son Amsterdam that the duty is saved upon it but expect it will fall short of our expectation. I have requested Dickason to place to Bs acct the Balance of our Co acct at the close of the year which by my regulating Bs acct in conformity leaves the balance due from him on interest with me. this I did on hearing from them that thou had ordered 800 £ to thy Cr where no interest would be accruing. & the 1400 £ would continue subject to interest as thou had the Ships Cargo at thy Control if thou had placed it to my acct or the Co it would have stopped that amount of interest— I have now occasion to draw £700 thy being part of Subscriptions in our Yearly meeting for the relief of Friends and others in England & Ireland who are Sufferers by the scarcity & high price of provision & as from my arranging B. acct I have only £130 in Dickasons hands I wish thee to have that sum to my Cr if at thy command in season to meet the bill drawn at 60 days. I have also requested T D & Co to send out some Copper for Barclay. if they can do it thou will see that is also paid. I hope however thou will leave from all our funds after the Lydia is Loaded more at my command in London. if thou has not received the Sales from Delius of the Oil & I wish thee to request them as I am tired of the neglect of that house. I daily look for the Barclay She was left 15 days since 10 days after passing Straits of Sunda having carried in 42.000 Skins 37.000 sold at 85 ₰ & 5.000 salted at 70 ₰ Nett pds after paying Ships Charges about £33.000. She has 16 Tons left at Sierra Leon which with the proffit on

Black Teas (the Ships sold for) I hope will leave nearly
or quite 60,000 Dollars to divide. I have but one letter from
Griffin since 4 mo last year that dated at Canton 2 weeks after
his arrival (which was last of 12 mo) & he sailed again in 30 days
the was left in Co with the John Jay of Providence & Neptune
of New Haven intending to keep with those Ships until they
passed the Cape. two Ships who were faster Sailers arrived one 30
& the other 20 days ago in 117 and 127 days passage from Canton
which were both very short passages I have had $20,000 insured
upon the Cargo generally (proceeds of the Ship) at 6 pCt but
we are much affected in hearing Griffin has lost his mate D S
& two Black men Love Gray & Elesha Williams by the boat
upsetting in the surf when taking off their things at Mattapuevo
a heavy stroke to Ds wife who is left with 5 Children
By W S Walls request I have furnished £26 Coffins wife with
$50 he wrote me £6 intended to hand the £200 for his wife
I have recd from Flowers Swain 2 drafts abt $2300, which are
both accepted & I have no doubt will be paid of which I may
inform him & when they are paid I will pay it here to his order
or advise thee to pay it to him. I am &c.

7mo 4, 1801

Joseph Taylor

I duly recd thy favour & had not the
Boston Jm on the Barclay been so high I should have
requested thee to have a Policy filled for What further
Insurance I wanted on that Ship having only $20,000 done
at the Office at 6 pCt I was afterwards offered elsewhere at
4½ the is not yet arrived but I do not think the term long
being determined to keep company with the John Jay of
Providence. not yet arrived. I now inclose thee my
Check for Eighteen Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars 75/100
which I think is the amount of W R J & Co note for
Jm on the Barclay to Canton if it varys please inform
me. please to give me thy Idea of the Jm ashed upon
the Lydia Jm the Baltic to this Port. I am &c

7 mo 4. 1801

Thos Roth

I have this day purchased of Daniel Anthony a Cargo of 63 Tons plaster at $8 which I shall convey to thee as opportunity offers. E D I have not yet consulted he has been painting his Sloop. Dant is bound back for another Cargo and thinks it may suit him to sell it here if thou wishes for another Cargo please to inform me. I cannot get it below 8 but hope that will net the a handsome profit. I have no advice yet from the Barclay since 10 Days after passing the straits Sunda the John Jay of Providence and Neptune of N. Haven in Co neither yet arrived. I am &c.

Isaac Hicks 7 mo 4. 1801

By the Fame Sales I have shipd to Chas Rohea Tea for my acct 2 102d. for acct of Capt G Barney it may be considered all as one concern as I know there is much poor tea in the Country & this appears excellent hope thou will mark its value I do not feel very anxious to sell if the prospect is in fair of its advancing — Capt Barney & one James Shuter (Supercargo) of the Ship Regent Lincoln Mr. in the P. Ocean a Draft upon me for $1800 at 30 days st it is hoped not yet come to hand, if thou can make any bargain with his agent to take tea & thou and that thou thinks for our Interest we wish it done so as to cancel the draft when it appears — Thou will please caution the Carmen that the Boxes now in good order may not be injured — we have 72 & 74 Chests please

to say if they will command a high price — The tea may be entered for exportation with benefit of drawback —

I also send 2 Boxes of China & find the value & demand — Yours &c

Peter Roe Dalton June 14. 1801

I crave they care in entering the inclosed Dft dated 9 Inst Amos F Jenks on Ammidon & Parker for $770.30 at 60 days after date & am very respectfully &c

Ammidon & Parker June 14. 1801

By direction of Amos F Jenks I now inclose you Invoice & Bill lading 77 Chests Souchong Tea —

Our Collector being destitute of Certificates has certified on the Certificate for exportation the same — I promise they shall be forwarded immediately on my them from the Inspector or Supervisor — You will observe by the certificate given Capt Anthony that they are entered with a view to obtain the drawback if sold for exportation —

A F Jenks gave me a Dft on you for the Ps of those teas $770.30 at 60 days from 9 Inst which I shall send to the U.S. Bank for acceptance —

Yours &c

Josiah Bradlee June 14. 1801

I duly rec'd Thine of 8th inclosing Sales of 100 Boxes Splendr. and altho the C is long should have sent the more but am delayd for want of paper which we daily expect I have hanner sent the 87 B on Acc'y to Thos P. Anthony Sloop Lucy who sails this eve — by him I have also sent the 10 Chests B — Tea as per Invoice annexed & Bill lading inclosed & hope it's superior qlt will recommend it, & that it will command a better price than has lately been asked in Boston for that of Inferior qlt — I do not feel anxious to force the Sale if the prospect continues good for its advance — thy information on this subject may govern my future Shipments — I have 7 & 14 Chests all new teas will they do better —

I also send a sample of our china plain inform me what it will command — I rec'd a letter for an Jar Slave perhaps 10 days since but found this casting amongst our papers & stay

Yrs &c

To Thos R Jones June 17 1801

I take the liberty to ship the C. C. of Tobe a Box of China Silk just rec'd from Canton as per Invoice annexed at the Canton prices which I hope for the excellency of their quality will fetch us a good price for profit — when there are them I shall be

glad to have thy judgment what they are worth & what thou thinks best for our interest to sell them at. we are offered by a young man for Barton 5 P Cent for the Cash — inclosed is Certificate for Debenture if Exported if thou thinks it best to sell them at 5 P Ct. I leave thee at liberty but hope thou will be able to do better — Farewell

William Pitchie — June 13, 1801

Capt Sharman left thy obligation with me when going lately to N York & now informs me thou are ready to discharge it I inclose it herein & request thou will please it to my Cr in U S Bank the amount thereof say $600.22.24 & advise me when pd — I am &

Andrew C Dorr — June 25, 1801

Capt W is pleased to find by thy lr. letter that Nan belongs to him as among those & requests that I will dispose of them as he directs

I am astonished at the falling short of the Tea, W I, can who most of those that had & I conclude must have called a 16. 20th — I have mentioned it to the Collr & if those will have them all weighed & send the Wt to me I doubt not he will allow the entry — I have tried the last one with another & find the iron could not alter those that all proved by the Standard — I have put some chest in the Store & find those agree — Bradley gives me the Short wt of 6 he has tried which was 32lb & I presume the Collator will have those in Store weighed — WKW

Stephen Howell Esqr June 25. 1801

Last post brought me yours of 13 informing your have abt 4 Tons of hd nr 210 Tons Sp oil for Sale if it is good in quality & the Body oil a good thickness I should like to have it for the oil I would give £50— or $166.⅔ ℔ for the hd nr after being reboiled (not dark colord) I would give $250— ℔ Ton, without can it is frequently burnt in reboiling which lessens the value of the oil we purchase —

I expect it would best suit me in payment to give you 9ms on N York at 60 days sight — I expect a Ship from Russia in next mo: I shall be glad to furnish you with some Duck Cordage much cheaper than you can get it in New York Yours

Isaac Hicks June 27. 1801

Since my I is daily a hand I avail myself of Lydia Coes to send thee at 2 Ton excellent Cordage my opinion to what is generally made in N York & the Quantity of each Number which hope thee will dispose of before the new stock arrives I expect the Lydia Smith from St Petersburg will call on her passage from St Petersburg I wish thee to keep me advised of the market for Hemp as I shall not run off much of her Cargo before it becomes plenty — I hope thee will find a better market than 35 ℔ it will not pay a profit at that price my Bro Lowthorp is dy is much need a

ready Sale — as AB is concerned with me in the Lydia he has united me to send his part of the cargo to his Br. what does Thornt of R Island will it be to send there same if the Ly is in by the middle of next month — please send by the Ly Shatting paper assorted for the Barclay & 10 Bbls Tar I expect to shortly her cash Copper is there any good En. Cop at 1st Market for 22a 23 Oz I at what price I wrote to London some time since I ordered 1 Copper for her & she should do the if I can obtained in repairing her shall probably wait another ord. for it if not purchase it — S Howland & wants $1000 in NY if I do not give him an order at this time if I can get in Cash for acceptance I wish this to accommodate Gideon Thornton if he wants it & take his Bills — I Taber is also going to R River & Settle if I give it him I shall request I Austin to remit the Thos Sum & I shall be obliged by thy accepting the same W & Br

Willis & Yardley

7 Mo. 27 — 1801

I expect a ship early this season from Russia and as the goods from that country have been scarce & high in the United States I shall be obliged by your information relative to the immediate demand for Hemp Russia & Ravens Duck & sheeting provided I could get it forward before any other arrival, also if any Ship are expected this season from the Baltic to Philadelphia I hope the Lydia Capt Smith has been out near 60 Days from Petersburg She was the first Ship that roped the sound for the United States & I hope will be the first home I am &c

7mo 27. 1801

Jos. Anthony & Co

Your obliging favours of 8. 10 & 11 Instant are duly rec'd & I have Credited you £150 paid Capt Norton & £18. 10. 2 amt of 4 bbls flour & keg Crackers which prove very good. I hope you will find a Sale for the remaining Oil by Norton & if at a reduced price you think it best to sell it we shall be satisfied.

We have a considerable quantity of Souchong & Bohea Teas the quality is excellent as far as we have tried it. if Souchong will sell at 60 I should be inclined to send you some Bohea I do not feel in haste to sell at the present low price. if a convenient offers I intend sending you some of our sugar & if it will reach 13 or 14 Doll I shall wish to ship what we have. abt 25 Tons. being at this time in want of what money I can command & not finding any occasion to sell bills on you I shall be much obliged if you can make it convenient to remit to Isaac Hicks New York two thousand Dollars for my acct. I am &c

7mo 29. 1801

John Jaber & Son

It was my Intention to send you some Teas of the Barclays Cargo before the rec't of your obliging favour of 18th. I now ship by Warren Howd 6 Chests Bohea 6 half Chests & 6 Quarter Chests & 6 Chests Souchong 2 Chests Hyson all we have tried which is excellent I also send 100 Boxes 6's Candles which is nearly all I have on hand. or shall have this season. I shall be glad you would furnish me with the Aps Sales of the two parcels Candles you have sold. the Bohea Tea & Souchong you may sell either at the marked weight or weigh them as best suits the purchaser as I think they will hold out except the drying since they came out of the Ship. the Certificates for the Tea will be sent. You may note the Nt weight in them is less than the Invoice as the Govt allows 2 lb Tare beside draft & our tares were only 6 lb. the half are 3 lb the same as ours the Custom tare on 2 Chs is 20, ours 21. & on Souchong 22. & ours 20 lb we Invoice them as we sell them here, but they are expected to advance. & I find Franklin Robinson & Co of N. York had a parcel at 40 & for Bohea.

I am expecting soon a Ship from Petersburg. could you sell any Duck & Iron. Hemp or Cordage & at what prices. if to arrive with you in all next week. I am &c

J Fisher.

apprehending you might find a Sale for a little Cordage I have on hand of excellent quality I have send 19 Coils 10. 2. 27 in hopes you will be able to sell it of before the new Stock of Hemp arrives. I am &c.

To Samuel R Fisher 7 Mo. 29. 1801

Thy favor of 10th Inst. I duly rec.d by Capt. Norton with a Cask of wine amo. to Co. S & M Fisher $42 25. Thou seems to have taken my enquires for wine to be for the sweet Teneriffe, but my Object has been to obtain some more Lisbon Wine of equal quality with 4 Quarters Casks sent us for our families perhaps 4 Years since it having proved better than any we have had since — and when ever you have any of equal quality I shall be glad to be remembered. I am for the present well supplied I wish for the Amo of the 4 Casks sent by Macy as they are distributed among the families and I wish to place them to the respective Accounts — Brother Hazard going to Newport has taking the memorandum to obtain the opinion of Counsel — Will thou be so kind as to collect the inclosed draft & Hatch on Jacob S Waln for $63 at 5 Days sight dated Campo Bello dated 16 Ult.o and when received place to my Credit Our I am &c.-

Isaac Hicks Jun.o 29. 1801

Private

Lydia & sent the 70 Coils of Cordage & Spunyarn with hope Thou may find a Speedy Sale for & encourage me to send Thee a further supply — Thine of 20 Inst. last we & am obliged thereby Capt.n B says Shotten told him Shotten told him 2 of his owners were for but does not know their names Lucan who was in the Ship Maryland

whose oil there W^m for us was Mr
I send last ewe a letter from A Swett &
Savannah 26 Ult who say, " We gave directions to
our friends in N^r York to place the Nett pds your Candles
($389 37/100) in the hands of M^r Isaac Hicks which circumstance
you have undoubtedly advised of. If thou can find
who those friends are I wish thee to call upon them & shew
them this paragraph & inform me when received it has been
& me due. I have this day given J H. 2^nd two bills on the
17 days after date for $389.33. & 20 days after date for
$1199-22/100 & hope before that time thou will receive
$2000 of J & Anthony & Co who are requested so to do
I have also given J Tabor a friend who is removing to
New Cornwall a bill for $2000 at sight. will thou inform
me the name & the Mo Meeting. Friends there belongs to
as he is not certain & we are at a loss how to direct
his Certificate. I intend sending thee some half & Quarter
Chests Bohea. we have found some mistake made in
the weight of our whole Chests Bohea & they are
over marked I wish thee to have a few of them
weighed & if thou finds Error have the whole weighed
& give me the comparative weight as soon as thou can
please also make the same request of the persons
who bought W^m Shotwell

7mo 29, 1801

Geo Allen

Thy letter of 25 last mo I duly rec^d
and note the Contents I have also one fr^m J Freman
which mention his father Acc^t due him abt
$122. I have endeavoured always to see that those who
hire out their Shares in my employ have in the first
instance an adequate price therefor & as Ebers share
in the Barclay was ⅓ I think the Chance of his voyage
was well worth $300 & his share amounts to between
& $800 I think if J Freman did not give him
$150 for half he ought get to C from the differ
ence. his last voyage in 1799 was $592.80. and
J Freman rec^d of me 1 mo 22. 1800. $410.10 & in

10 mo following $109.10 together $519.20. I mention this that Thaw may see that no omission has taken place in Crediting him what was his due as it's possible the $109.10. might have been omitted being paid much after the other & was the amot of his outfit the present Voyage. which I meant should be advanced by Freman if he had any share in this Voyage & when I J F called for it I supposed that it was because his father had no further demand upon him. I suppose of that Voyage Freman had half $296.40
& he received ——— 519.10
Of Course E Cowes Should be Credited ... 222.70

Supposing Eben entitled to a Considerable of his voyage I have advanced him about $40 since he came in but he recd $35 in Canton which with the money I advanced for his ~~Outfits~~ to be paid in Canton leaves his share of profit home which was about 60 $ Cr this with other debts to the Captain & People about $60 he has taken up here at the Stores nearly makes up his half the voyage. that there is nothing of any consequence to pay towards the note held by J Freeman and I hope he will be disposed to allow Eben what I think his share was really worth & if he has not omitted Crediting all I paid of last voyage to wait untill he has made another in our Ship as I expect he will go in her to Delago Bay which I hope will not delay more than one year half his present voyage I expect will be abt $380 I expect to settle the voyage next week and to pay half down & half in 4 months or the whole in 60 days I shall be obliged by thy attention to see that the business is done rightly and am &c,

Tuesday 29. 1801

Peter R Dalton

On the 11. Instant I inclosed thee
amos Fjones draft on Ammadon & Parker for
$770.30 at 60 days from the 9th Which I hope
reached thee in safety & was accepted.
I now inclose thee John Howland 2nd draft on
Jeffry & Russell for $6466 Cts due 11 next month
of which I crave thy attention, and am &c

Isaac Bradt

Boston, 1801

Thy two favrs of 24 & 30
ult are duly noticed & I regret that the
Tea will not command a better price
I note by the prices Curt & a letter in
the Gazette / Jim Barnard it is quoted high
if thou can give me any information
that can be relied upon for the late arrivals
I shall be much obliged particularly if it
is easy & safe making remittances to
England or if Specie can be drawn
It will be proper to place to my Credit
the Sales of Candles thou have made as I
have accounted with the late Co for all
outstanding Invoices — I am much
obliged by thy information respecting
Rice Goods they must undoubtedly fall
I observe J Ripley advertises some
Hamburg Copper for sale if it is in
Bars & not more than 1 or 2 Cwt, I
should like to have a few to repair the
Barclay's Sheathing as I find it will do
for another Voyage with a little repairing
it fortunately I've none purchased for that
If thou buys & has need for this please send it
via Nantucket I am

8mo 30. 1804 — 109

Joseph Taylor

I duly rec'd thy obliging favour of 7th Mo & with it my Note for $1877 the Stamps I recollect paying for. I find by my books that my Jms note for the H. & E falls due 15 instant my brother has never informed me of any loss that would fall upon the Underwriters but I have expected it from the report of one of the Sailors. she having met some injury in getting into the Pier - should he send me the documents I shall state the claim - I have a draft on Jeffrey & Rufell sent to the Bank for Collection that falls due on 21st 24th a few days after My Note, hereto I annex a Check for $902 5c 0/95 exp'd the amount of my note if it will not be agreeable to cancel it at that time. I will endeavour to make some other arrangements. I have not yet heard of the arrival of the Lydia at Petersburg. I expect it by the first London Ship & if she arrived there safe I shall expect her in all this Month. if the Insurance can be done upon her at 3½ ℔Ct I shall want half her Cargo or more Insured but am unwilling to take the risk of paying 5½ ℔Ct in case she should not reach Petersburg. What is the Jm to Bauraeaux & Antwerp. I am &c.

8mo 4. 1804

Arnold Welles Esqr

I find on the 16th Inst my Jm note falls due upon the H & E $1252. 75 & having an acceptance at the Bank due 21/24th I annex my Check of the 24 for that Sum which if no inconvenience to thee will oblige me but if not will endeavour to accommodate it by the time. I hear nothing from my brother relative to the loss on that Ship

I wish to know the Jm from this to Antwerp. if thou will please to inform me. I am &c

8mo 5. 1801

Wm Burroughs

I am obliged by thy letter of 31st & intend sending thee some oil by Hill the price of Teas is now so low that I find little Encouragement in trying to sell them yet. & expect to send a large portion I have on hand to Europe by a Brig I have just Chartered please to inform me what thou can get for Bohea in whole half or quarter Chests. also Souchong. we have two little hyson. I have drawn yesterday upon thee in favour of Jacob Almy for $300 which I have placed to thy Credit. for the Ship Barclay I shall want by the 15th next month abt 300 Gls Molasses & two Barrels Rum. if thou can make an exchange for Candles with thee to do it. & if the Lydia arrives shall probably want as much more for her. what can Old Cider be procured for at the time good for Vinegar for Ships Use. I am &c

8mo 7. 1801

Peter Grellet

I am much obliged by thy favour of the 31st July which came to hand at the moment I was abt chartering the Brig Panther Capt Wm Soule to Load with Sugar & Teas for Europe & presuming upon the market at Antwerp for thy recommendation. I think I shall send her there. & shall be obliged by thy giving me letters to thy friends there I expect to ship about 25 Tons Sugar 150 whole & 150 half & Quarter Chests Bohea Tea & 100 Chests Souchong. is it probable I shall find a speedy sale for it I shall not have occasion to draw before its arrival but perhaps may want two or three thousand Pounds remitted to London on its arrival I note in the prices thou gave me Linseed Oil was £71 2 for abt 40 Gls this I suppose is a higher price

than usual & perhaps was advanced in consequence of the Baltic trade being closed. if I could find it at a price that would answer to import should like to Load the Brig partly back. if thou thinks of any other article that will do at our market please to mention it. we began loading yesterday & hope to compleat it by the end of the week I shall be pleased to hear from thee by the first mail next week when I hope Capt Savle will be ready for sea. & I am in expectation of going for Rhode Island on the 12. or 13. I am &c

Arnold Buffet & Co 8mo 6. 1801

This evg I rec'd your kind letter of 13 & am greatly astonished that an Jr Bowenhus Jnured so infamous, an=
=xious to give you the most of my debt
D Jnnard you the above note for $2000 dated 27 Dec'r 1800 with Interest This is all the demand I have agt him I beg your early attention to secure the property I shall forward my pr of acct to you but there is not time by this mail

I am &c

Joseph Taylor 8mo 7. 1801

Last evg I rec'd the information by letter from Amsterdam that the L— had arrived at Petersburg & observe also by the Gazette that she had sailed on 22d of 6th mo for Elsinore in Co with the Jriendship as the risk thro the Baltic is over I presume the insurance may be sold at 3 p'r'r if so I wish thee to make $14000 Insurance upon her cargo for acc't of my Br to whom the cargo belongs it may be best to begin the risk at Cronstadt until her arrival at this place the other

112 I think I shall not insure it by so doing a season & have it be in for Order. It was my intention to have wrote the last mail but engage-ment &c The Friendship had an uncommon passage but I hope the L— will not be more than 10 days behind her — yet the S W winds are unfavorable for this port they Salem 8th offer 3½ not to be delivered until the result of Boston & can be known

Isaac Hicks Boston

I am much obliged by thy information conj in thy 2 letter of 1st & 6th Inst that the Cordage is sold at $17½ I was in hopes of more but believe it best to sell if while at that rate the best is larger I believe we have yarn enough to make the 2 Cables there mentioned but am inclining to for a time that I shall be holden to until I can again hear further as it might induce my selling at sale or better but if I should be under no engagements that would interfere by the time I have thy answer I shall be willing to sell at $18 Dlls duty or Inspection at Hudson & I presume judges of Cordage would allow it to be worth $2 pr lbs more than My Cordage I leave the Deal thy judgment in the Sale of the tea I am not desirous to make sale of them I believe the Mc Ch had but 200 lbs I am looking out for Du that will take off most that I have & think they must rise — I wish thee to have a few chests weighed & if they fall short (which has been the case much some time there are wgt as there appears to have been some mistake in weighing some of the chs & if I have often found that in more the collector were candid I'm settled with Capt B— all the teas sent

then am for my acct but if thare can take up or pay his bill bring advantage with them it will be agreable & me but I've no interest in the bill —

I have only rec'd the Paton & Son Amo 8 Bbls Cr I hope the rest captains sent the am pd & that my pd Jebbs have made the $2000 — is it probable thare can do better with R Iron than Dull at Lon for $20 I am not certain I can reach that price but think it probable —

Fr Lydia sailed 2d — what would but R Dust sell for if I could soon get some on — we have a ready sale for Iron for Shiping mills if we can agree as to price I thare could sell me 15 Tons of Kimp or the Arrival at $208 hear clear of all expence I would send it immediately

Daniel Cannelin Sons
Amsterdam pr Ch. Panther

Amo 1. 1801

Dear Sir I Hicks of York informed me in dec cause that he had shipd by Ship Hunter Capt Clark 165 bags of Java Coffee 2 b Cannisters of Java Sugar which I hope have ere this reach'd you in Safety and altho I have no very favorable Accts of yr market yet I hope by this time it has improved & you have found a good sale for it

My late partner Mr Barker was in Amsterdam when I last heard from him what instructions you may give you relating to the Ships you will oblige by following his directions but if you hear nothing from him please to forward the pd as soon as realized to

Thomas Dickason & Co London Daniel

Wm Backer

8 mo 10. 1804

Since I wrote thee I have recd thy several favours 5 mo. 9 Capt Brown 6 mo 1. 25 from Amsterdam. before I sent off my last to thee after the letter was sealed the Barclay arrived on the 4 & I wrote it inside their Letter that it probable they informs thee. the net sales of her Teas were $31.000. which with her freight made here abt $57.000 & the money sent by the Ship after paying her expences left $35.00 to Cr our for Ships Acct that perhaps will net a profit of 50 pCt by this adventure I think we shall do very well. better than any afterwards until the rage for Shipping is a little past I now think of sending the Barclay to Delago Bay. and as J B declines that business I hope to get W Vandy. I expected brother I would have sold his quarter but as he has not for him a farm he objects to selling if he had it was my calculation to have put 1/4 to thee & when thou returned to have given her up to thee. but as the case is I feel a preference for her to revert back to me for the ensuing voyage & for the Lydia to continue as she is. I think to send her the same voyage & on her return perhaps sell Ship & Cargo to Benjn as I had rather be clear of a Ship where I hold so small a Share. & on thy return if thou art agreed therein we may perhaps take concern together in two more 1 for the fishery and one in the European Trade. I have Bot out all the peoples Shares at $57.00 & finding Teas very dull I have concluded it best to Ship some to Europe & have just Loaded David Shearmans Brig Panther Wm Towle for Antwerp to the address of Isaac Thurs & Co recommended by Peter Grellet (brother of Joseph of Clapham) who is of the house of Wills & Co Amsterdam. We can sell the bohea at more than 32 Cents & from his calculation they must do better there at any other Market in Europe she has abt 20 Tons of Sugar 159 Chests 65 half & 67 Qr Chests Bohea 200 Chests Souchong & 12 Chests Nyon.

I place 46 of the Cargo to thee 1/6 to Thomas & 2/3 to my own Acct I give 100 ₱ Ton freight 3 Chests to the Ton provided I load the Brig back at least one half of her for 150 ₱ or they find any other business for her. if not I agree to make up the ₱ on the Seas to ₱ 8 ₱ Chest. (whole chests) I know not what to order out & have requested Thurver & Co to follow thy advice as also in remitting the proceeds of the Cargo. I have ordered J Smith & Co to follow thy direction relative to the Nor pds of the Coffee Shipd by Thad Coffin & Dan'l Cromwell and Sons pds of 185 Bags Coffee 56 Cannisters Sugar shipd ₱ Hunter. this Thou may appropriate one half if wanted & keep the control of the other or place it to my Cr as best suits thee I shall as Thou requests ask Dickason to accommodate thee but I dont think thy own Co needs my aid. however the proceeds of these two Shipments with that of the Sugar to Delius from Andrews & this to Antwerp I expect will accommodate thee without having to pay Interest to ₱ Dy as I had rather take Money on anticipation & pay Interest for it than to ask it where it must be replaced I have hinted to Thurver & Co the probability of my wanting 2 or 3000 ₱ remitted to London on their receiving the Cargo subject to thy advice if Thou should want I doubt not their doing it immediately & wish thee to anticipate to pay the 700 ₱ requested in my last & the Cost of Copper for the Barclay & shall like to have £ 500 more in ₱ Dy Funds as I expect to have a few hundred Pounds to remit in addition to the £700 for the same purpose. The Barclay Cargo was 250 Chests 200 ₱ & 200 D° 6 Chests Bohea 350 Chest Souchong & 40 6 Chest Hyson 25 Tons Sugar 700 Boxes China & abt 1100 D° in Silks.
Two Ships that left Elsinaur with the Lydia have arrived on the 4th Inst this Mo at Salem. I hope the is near. I have ordered $ 40000 insured for Benj'a in Boston upon the Cargo at 3½ ₱ C°

but have ordered none yet for thee or myself & do not intend it until this week has run out- Hemp is falling. I hope to get $300. Iron I hope will reach $120. Linseed Oil I hope will go at upwards of a Dollar. I think we shall do handsomely with her whole Cargo.

see continuation in 119

Pope & Bowen 8 mo 10. 1801

By last mail I had the pleasure of receiving your letter of 7. acknowledging the rect. of 100 Boxes China P Cape Horton When your J Pope was here he offerd for 5 P Ct Commission to sell me 100 boxes by retail & supposes it would sell by the single Box at $8 upon that recommendation I sent it not wishing to sell it off by the quantity or low as 6 or $6½ a friend of mine in Boston has offerd $6½ for 100 boxes which I decline. I am &c.

Isaac Thuret & Co 8 mo 10. 1801

Having had the pleasure of a personal acquaintance with our friend Peter Grebet. he has furnished me with the price Current from Antwerp & encouraged my Shipping there part of a Cargo of Teas we have had lately arrived from Canton. I have accordingly loaded the Snow Panther Capt Wm Towle with Sugar (from China) Bohea & Sanchong Teas. (of which our Cargo mostly Consisted) & 12 Chests Hyson. all of it that has been tried has proved excellent & I have no doubt the whole will prove so. Invoice & Bills of Lading are here inclosed & I hope you will be able to find a Speedy Market for it at a good price- On the arrival of this Cargo I shall be pleased to hear immediately from you that I may find if it will be for my interest to send the remainder to you It is probable I may with you to remit two or three thousand Pounds Stg to my friends

Thos Dickason & Co London on your receiving the
Cargo but that will depend upon circumstances
that I cannot yet determine upon but shall submit
it to an agent of mine now in Europe & Barker
Late a Partner with me in Trade whatever advice
he may give you relative thereto I request you
will follow he was at Amsterdam when I last
heard from him but expect he is now in England
should you however hear nothing from him I
request you will so soon as you are in Cash that
Sum or the whole net proceeds remit it to my said
friends T Dickason & Co. except what I may request
otherwise. If Capt Soule does not find any frt for his
Vessell at Antwerp I am at liberty to load one half
& her back for £150 Stg & if I fail therein
& have agreed to pay his Owners here between
30 & 40 £ Stg in addition to his frt I know of
nothing that can be brought from Antwerp
that will pay a frt to the US but as much
Linseed Oil as can from Amsterdam. I have
that it was probably made in your neighbourhood & that it may be lower this fall
than I have seen it of late noted in Amsterdam
at which prices it would not do to bring it
if you can purchase it so as to have it
delivered on board free of Cost of Casks Commissn
& every charge not to exceed Thirty Stivers
P Amsterdam P English Gall it will
perhaps pay a frt & in that case I should
like to have abt half the Brigs hold filled
which I suppose will be from 200 to 240 Casks
of 40 Galls. I have also an inclination to have
some Specimens of your linens & if Capt S. returns to the
US. shall approve of your putting up for me for two
to three thousand Guilders in those fabricks of Coarse linens
from 12 to 16 Stivers P Ell now bought of Flemish Linen
somewhat like Ra. Duck of which I formerly had specimens
from Dantzick of that name. both the same perhaps of this
kind. a small assortment of Threads not more than 200
or 300 Guilders Value. and such other linens of cheap kind
as you may think will answ. for this Market

(Carried to page 120)

8 mo. 8. 1801

Joseph Thebaud

Thy favour of 28 Ult came to hand in due Course. I had by my uncles request procured the Original Protest from Capt Hawes & a Notarial Copy together with a Certificate he recd from the Consul at Boston & I was about to send them by a Vessell bound to Antwerp but as it will be very remote from L'Orient conclude than will find more suitable conveyance for them &. therefore inclose them to thee. I shall be obliged by thy acknowledgment of their reception & also where my uncle was when thou last heard from him. I am &c

8 mo 11. 1801

Joseph Anthony &c

Since writing you on the 27th I am without any of your esteemed favours I have now shipd by Capt Norton 100 Bags China Sugar which hope will find a good Market with you. I would Capt Norton wants from five to four hundred Dollars please to accommodate him & place to my Acct. I wish for 6 Barrels New Ground Flour & if from new wheat it will be more acceptable to come by Norton. I am &c

D 1 or 200 lb Loaf Sugar

12. mo 4. 15. & 6th $2000 remitted Hicks —

8 mo 12. 1801

Thos Kotch

I feel a little disappointed in not hearing from thee relative to my enquiries respecting Beef Meal &c as I want by the 15 next mo to have every thing on the Spot for the Barclay & Lydia (the latter daily expected fm Petersburg). I have been load the Snow Panther belonging to D Shearman Wm Savile Master with 18 Tons Sugar 159 whole 65 half 672 Chests Bohea 200 Chests Souchong & 12 Chests Hyson for Antwerp where the best Market offers by all the information I can gain this I allotted 46 for thee 46 for B & 23 on my own Acct but thou art at Liberty to take it or not only let me know which. I can have it insured for 3 p Ct — Having only abt 3 Chests Hyson left on hand for thy share if thou takes the 46

I thought best to send them by Mason
I have shipd 100 Bags Sugar on board Norton
for Philada which nearly closes the Sales of that
Article. Mason has paid me $170 to thy Cr &
Asa Russell calls upon me to receive some also
Did I mention to thee that Richd Hathaway
wants to take up his Note but I cant find who
has it he has paid me $229 which I have Cr
thee Thou need not put thyself to any incon-
venience or draw in any money that is out on Interest
to accommodate me. I only suggested thy making
provision from the supposition of the probability of
thy having money yet in N York unappropriated
pleare inform me how many Casks thou left here
& where I shall find them as I expect to use them
all. I could not get Mason to take the Plaster
under 5 $ Ton would thou wish me to buy any
more Plaster as I think its probable I could buy
100 Tons or 7½ to $8. I am &c

To Abm Barker Continued from 116 J. Gardner dayly
expected he arrivd safe at Manilla — thy connections are
in usual health perhaps my last noted the death of thy uncle
Samuel Barker I have limited Thurst N. to the 5 some
Linseed Oil to fill half the Brig if it can be delivered onboard
at 30 Stivers ℔ English Gallon which I think will pay
Oprt. & I have ordered 2 or 3000 ~~Gallons~~ Guilders in Coarse
Linens, should thou be on the Continent & could be
there perhaps thou might find something else I think
its Likely Clover seed would do but am not enough
acquainted with the quality of the Seed from that Country
here it sells from 8 to 12½ Cts ℔ by the quantity — I have
wrote to JB to have $4000 insured for thy Acct on this Cargo

I am &c

To J. Thurst & Co from page 117.

You will please forward me duplicate certificate of the Landing of this Cargo to entitle me to Debenture. In a proforma Sale of 10/4 Chests Tea sent me by our frd P Greller I observe 28 ℔ Tare was deducted. I hope that is not a rule established for all. as ours come at only 21 ℔ & we should be great loosers thereby. I hope you will see that Justice is done us herein as the Tares in the Invoice are the true Canton tare and agreeable with English Weights. I am &c.

Thadr Mayhew.

8mo 12. 1801

Thy letter of 6th came to hand in course & thy acct has been duly attended to in conforming my books except Br Blackford's protested Note. I hope thou hast before this obtained payment for that Note. if not thou will use every exertion in thy Power to prevent any Loss or get hold of some property or good security therefor. I am sorry Candles could not be kept up at 50¢ in Newyork, at the Eastward I have run off upwards of 500 Boxes since I sent thee 50 & have none left than 50¢. I shall be glad to hear how thou succeeds with Blackford. I am &c.

To Arnold Welles Jr. Esqr

8mo 13. 1801

I am Obliged by thy Letter and accommodation in the payment of my premium Note. Having received terms from the other Offices of 3½ for Insurance to Antwerp p the panther Capt William Soule I have wrote there for $10000 but as I have $17000 more property onboard I should like to have $14000 done by thee at the same premium from this to Antwerp, the Panther sailed this day is a good Vessell a Snow of about 100 Tons burthen, Upon the Cargo wholly consisting of Teas Sugar. I should be obliged by thy reply as soon as determined upon. I am &c.

To Thomas Robb

8mo 13. 1801

The Panther has Sailed this morng & I have ordered $10000 Insurance at 3½ p C. interm.ate the Bohea at 30 Souchong 70 & Hyson at 90 Cents Indgar $10 the Invoice amo.t to ab.t $38138 but taking the duty from the Prices here they will amo.t as p the other side $32300 I have ordered $14000 more on 5/6 the Cargo supposing thou would prefer having it Insured at so low a premium — Mason being still waiting a wind I send this by Post — I think I can buy good Beef here at $5 p hundred by middle next month —

I am &c

Richard Mitchel Sons & Partners 8 mo 15. 1801

We have this mor.g rec.d yr Letter of 11 Inst in reply to ours of 20 ult.o the contents of wh as you have made your own decision upon the Subject we need not particularly descant upon — it remains for us to say that finding we have executed our Inspection in the Supply of Oil to the Government we are ready to receive it of you or you may estimate the difference as you may chuse —

We can see no hope without rec.g any unpleasant sensations very freely give you an instrument upon the late transaction merely to convince you if possible that nothing [illegible] to us by what you call a sacrifice on our part & in the first instance we will state to you or rather remind you what you already know that a mutual & clear understanding is necessary to constitute & agreement

122 the essential & fundamental prin-
=ciple you know was wanting &
that candor will not fix this defi-
ency on us we had therefore an
undoubted right to govern ourselves
by the Spirit rather than the form
of the contract according to our
construction of it in equity & what
we then believed was also your's
as we did not proceed without
deliberation & upon the supposition
of our WR — of the transaction between
him & Albert — (not then apprehending
any captious instructions) we believe
this construction of the Spirit of the
agreement would be reciprocal —

we also think your expression
of dissatisfaction to us upon this
subject was much out of time we
have had application for & offer of
selling the qr of Body all we have
conceived we ought to have taken
of you but 10 weeks had elapsed after
our terms were accepted before we
knew you proposed stating up a
claim & at a time it was thought
a declining article — and finally
in a part of the Contract which we
know to be mutually & clearly com-
=prehended on each side by a viola-
=tion on wh part we were only injur'
that you considered the 5 Article as
validity & after we had rejected an
offer of 1/8 than $1 pr qr & thereby our
the purchase to Nan' under the

S Rodman
Robt Ware
Thos Hazard

To Joseph Taylor 8 mo 18. 1801

Thy favr. of 17th Inst I have rec.d covering two policies upon the Lydia & Panther & return the two Notes for Premium Viz: $352.25. & 422.25 upon the Lydia & the Underwriters will keep this Ship Back, I will thank thee to hand the Note indorsed to our friend A Nelles Jr. I am &c.

Wm Burroughs. 8 Mo. 19. 1801.

the Invoice desird is inclosed thou art left at thy own judgment to sell the oil if thou cant do better than to sell it as the nantucket people sell it must go at that as we want it sold before cold weather. — I owe the heirs of E. Williams $130 he was lost on board ship Barclay after part of the Voyage was obtained — and his mother the Wife of Jortune Stodder has called upon me for it but as I fear she will lose it I have put her off with paying her $9.77. balance now due is $130 — if thou can see her any Way to pay it to them in a way ~~to pay it~~ that will be most useful to them I shall be glad after thou knows their caracter. and can send me a recat from them both. I shall be glad and I will place it to thy credit. or remit the Money as thou chooses.

I am &c.

William Boardman 8 mo 13. 1801

Near a year since thy brother Micajah Boardman sent to me from Woods Hole for some empty Casks to assist in raising his Ship from the Ledge fence. I sent him 31 Iron Hoop Oil Casks that Spring 28 of them was returned but in so wretched a State that the Cooper who put them in order when he had them estimated what were returned worth no more than 12½ of them of course 18½ he were destroyed they were well worth four dollars $74 amounting to $74 as I hear he lost his business with them. I shall be obliged by thy information upon the Subject

I am &c

To Isaac Hicks 8mo 26 1801

Thy Letter of 17th Inst. last evening covering two Drfts R Blow on A Russell & S Hathaway for $956.91 (which is accepted) & same of Hathaway & Howes for 104.95 which when matured shall be placed to thy Cr & shall be subject to thy Order. Capt. G Barney being bound up the north River if he should make any purchase may stand in need of a temporary accommodation should it be convenient for thee it will be safe this drft or me will meet due honour 31st Capt. Barney left this letter but as he did not expect any accommodation before his return to N York it will probably be in reason, I have now to acknowledge thine of thy returned Jar. of 25th & note the Contents The Lydia not yet having arrived, I think it favourable thou did not engage the two Cables — If I do not have the weight of the Fea if the Sale short I cannot have any redrep. after our Collector makes his Quarterly returns, which will soon come about — we have some excellent Duck shipd by the Lydia which I shall be glad to reach $20 for — I am pleased to hear your City Continues so healthy H Hathaway has paid R Blows Drft & I have Cr. thy Acct. the Amo. say $104.95, I shall in about two weeks want some good Ship Bread & flour for the Barclays whaling outfits please inform me what thou can have good Ship bread well dried for — I am &

John Taber Lan 8 mo 29. 1801

Your favr of 10 & concluded on 15th I rd in due course covering $300 for wr I Fs note to Jon Taber which I now inclose with my acc upon it —

than the Ship you mention 200 or 250 tons I should not hesitate to agree to Charter but so much larger Ship than may be by you contemplated I do not consider will be advantageous if you can contract for one not exceeding 250 it will be my wish & you may then procure the Cargo as speedily as possible — I am glad to find you have found a speedy Sale for the Candles Hodges

The Teas I have no doubt will advance in the fall — I have shipd a small cargo to Antwerp & have but few on hand if it is likely you can sell more this fall than I have sent you shall like to send a further Supply — Br Hazard sends you by this 100 Boxes of Candles which are Sundry on my Acct but mostly being his they go in his name — I have now none left — I am &c

James Barker Boston 31. 1801

Thy Br — has since requested me when I had Insurance done for myself on the L— to have $3000 more for him — in a letter rec'd last post he expresses a desire I have $4000 done I have yet had none done for myself & him daily looking for her & did not think I should any done for myself 20 days expected he would not for him but as she has probably been out 70 days & think I shall not justify myself if I omit it & any thing unfavorable should turn up & must therefore have more act for him as if they were in for I have insured $4000 done & had $16000 done in Boston on Bi Italy at 3 p C — I notice the Commissioners Grammond on 24 hours if the L left Bilgnore with the Salem & she has probably been out 2 days longer — I no writers will Insure for 3 than may have the Pol filled for & Shipley

a bill as much be drawn as shall can have drawn not exceeding $4000 for Wm & $1000 for myself — Yours

Peter Roe Dalton 9 mo 3. 1801

I am obliged by thy information of the payment of Jt R's acceptance — I think on the 9th Inst Cannon & Parker's acceptance falls due & I inclose thee A C Dans note dated July 13 for $6987.67 at 60 days which I hope will be duly paid when they become due, & shall be obliged by thy information thereof — I am

Arnold Wells Jr 9 mo 4. 1801

I wrote thee on the 1st relative to Insurance upon the Hd Eliza and also upon the L — but alas! how great was my disappointment when the returning Ship presented me with Capt Smith of the latter with the melancholy tale of the loss of that Ship: our families loss in her is very heavy but only $18000 Insurance when Ship & Cargo at cost was $45.000 — I now inclose thee my check for $1252.75 for my promissory note that I think falls due on the 7th inst on my the Amot please forward me the note cancelled as also the note for which I sent thee a check payable to thee — I am &c

Joseph Bevan
Wells & Allen 3 9 mo 2. 1801

We wrote thee on 2nd & inclosed W Ritchie & Dickason & Co's for

£700 — for acc^t of a Subscription opened in an Y-Mg for the relief of the distressed in England & Ireland on acc^t of the late scarcity & high price of provisions since which a further sum has been rec^d & we now inclose you A Russell & S Hathaway's dft on J D & C^o in fav^r of William Allen of this date for £200 — now at 30 days we hope a further sum will may be collected but we doubt more than £200 — I am &c

Joseph Taylor

Gr^ce 4 1801

I feel very sorry in having to send this Capt Smiths protest in proof of the Loss of the Lydia our family have suffered $27000 — loss on that Ship insured wch is to us a very heavy loss I think my note falls due on the 7th for $1152.75 wch I hope will be agreable to this to suspend until the Loss upon the L^y is pd but if contrary to the rules of the Office I will endeavour to pay it on having thy answer — please inform me what proof of the property will be necessary for me to send this fr of the Cargo was my own property & the invoice which was saved amounted in Petersburg to Rs: 66452.25 — I am &c

Arnold Welles Jr

In addition to above (5) I have this evg rec^d thy obliging letter of yesterday & note the Insur^ce offered for H & E 18 p^r ct this days mail has also brot me a letter from Capt Gardner of That Ship dated Isle of Quay July 15 having arrived there in 27 days "the Ship in good order & sails very fast he says I shall leave this tomorrow for coast of Chili" having got safe off the coast of Europe & probability of going round Cape Horn I think leaving the risk more than 3 p^r ct & I doubt not the assurers will now take the risk at 15 if so I will please have the policy filled as requested & sign at St Helens Cork

9 mo 10. 1801

John I Ladd

On the rect of thy Letter of 8th July I was in expectation in a Short time of Sending thee some Rusia Linens & ordering Stores Bread & Flour for two Whaling Ships. but last week our Capt arrived his Ship with a Cargo from Rusia having taken fire at Sea & abandoned by which unfortunate circumstance I am a loser of $18.000 uninsured & am now obliged to get the Stores for one Ship at New York. It is my intention to send thee Some Teas but I fear I shall not be able to obtain the certificates as our Collector is out of town & his Deputy is Sick. I have this day given Weston Haviland a draft on thee for what by my books appears due say $879.24 should it not be correct. thou will please to accept for what is due. if the Cr should not be expired I shall be obliged by thy attention to accommodate him. I am &c

To Joseph Taylor 9 Mo. 12. 1801.

Thy obliging favor of 8th came duly to hand and expecting brother Hazard to go to Boston on second day. I omitted sending the invoices by yesterdays mail, my friend in Petersburg have made me principal for 1/8 the Lydia's Cargo Ship'd in my name 3/8 for Acct of my late partner A Barker, yet 1/8 was for Acct of my Brother Benjamin Rotch 3/8 on my own Acct This fact can be proved if necessary by the testimony of my father brother Rodman and the bearer & also by letters from A Barker — if thou does not wish to keep the Protest I shall be glad to have it by S H to send to Nantucket $3650 were insured there for A Barker, if it must be retained in Boston I can have Capt Smith to declare a new here rather than have so long a protest Copied. I am &c —

Isaac Hicks

I am obliged by thy favour of 8. & 9 inst
& by same rec'd a Letter from G Smith & Co advising of
the Shipment of 15 Packages German Linens per the
Elizabeth Capt Dyer amounting to M Bo
Invoice of which I now inclose thee & if not
arrived after a moderate passage allowed
I wish thee to have insurance effected thereon
I hope those goods will find a speedy sale
to some profit. I sent by C Congdon for the
Bread & flour as I could request more attention
in putting up the bread & than I wished to trouble
thee with as I knew several of thy Store Lads were
absent — the early days of this Month have been
hotter than any weather I have known here & it
has been sickly particularly among Children & two
Lads have died with fevers highly putrid which
has given considerable alarm in the neighbourhood
I am &c

1 mo 18 1801

Isaac Hicks

Inclosed I forward thee John A Barker's
draft at 60 days date on Shadr Mayhew for $450
which please to collect & place to my Cr. I have
charged thee & paid here $400 paid thee by Capt
Fish for Ace Jireh Wells which I do not
recollect thou has conformed, if right please to
mention it. The Diana Capt Gardner
arrived last evening from Manilla with 150
Tons Sugar & 3 Tons Indigo. I am &c,

Arnold Wells Jr. 9 mo 1, 1801

I hope thou rec'd the prem
note — which I requested I Taylor & Hand & Lee
Thu H & Eliza M Gardner Mr belong to my

130 brother B Rotch he writes me on 6 mo 14
was to sail in 2 days well fitted copper Bottomed
for South Sea Whale Fishery generally the Capt
being at liberty to go round either Cape or
coast of New Holland, he wishes me to
have £3000 Stg insurance made on the
Ship £4000 Dr on outfit & has much
reputation of much lower prem^m than
I gave on the Ann & Hannah may be
being an American & I presume nothing
will appear on board the Ship to give
any ground to suspect she is not really
an American yet without any warranty
I wish thee to state the prem^m with
liberty to stop at Cork for convoy or
orders & at St Helena at Cork for convoy
or Orders on her return with return convoy
in case she takes convoy out from Cork
or Convoy home from St Helena —

The Lydia & Susquehanna sailed from Bourdeaux
on 6 mo 22 — & & & & — Sam^l

9 mo 24. 1801

Isaac Hicks

Thy two favours of 16 & 19 are duly
at hand & I am glad to find the advance on Coarse
Teas, it is what I have expected I hope ere this the
Elizabeth has arrived & hope the goods will prove
Saleable at a Profit — we have no new instances
of the Fever only one sick, & she mending within that I hope
a continuance of cool weather will be favourable
to its Check. In One the 21st I gave my father
a draft on thee in favour of Elisha Folger for $673-84
which I did to accommodate him & hope it will be so
long before it reaches thee that thou will be in Cash
but I do not love anticipation of this kind. I am &c

John Taber & Son 9 mo 24. 1801

I have delay'd replying to
yr fav' of 8th to obtain some information fm
Boston relative to the masts which I did not
receive till this m'g & finding it increases
the risk & prem^m they may be omitted as the
few Ben^s may want for humanity will
not be an object for the expence — I wish
the Insurance may be made exactly conforma-
: ble to the real cost & charges with yr com^n

You say you Ship the Cargo on my acc^t
risk — it must be on acc^t & risk of B Roth
& him the Charter he will pay as
ordered & which I guarrantee to you — proper
time for discharging is all that is wanting
as the Ship will doubtless go to his bay you
will call him of Nan^t an American
citizen which he is — I feard the owners
had some doubts of their being more
danger if on his acc^t than on my own
but I assure none nor do they ask
me more prem^m to get Insurance done
in his than in my own name in
Boston — the prem^m asked there is 3 ½ p^ct
without contraband articles they hesitated
much at taking masts even if called logs
but have not yet sent their terms if
yr offer comes no different or not
more than 3 p^ct & will insure the cargo
if with masts if call'd logs or not — in
this case I will rely on yr having the
whole property & prem^m covered upon the
Ship's sails without further hearing from
me as I shall wait yr answer before
I get insurance made — please inform
me when she will sail that I may write
by her least aught be any thing delay her
going you will indorse Insurance & Bill Ldg
to my brother at Milford Haven — Inc^d

yr apt & note yr observation on them
I am now offered 3665 for 200 shot
from Boston I had 20 sold in NY for
the same price – that I presume it will
soon be 4065 yr judgment must govern
you but I had rather have them
here or in Boston than sold under –
I had $18000 insured in the Lydia
Lounds

9 mo 26. 1801

Benjamin Rotch

Confirming the
foregoing I have now to add that as
the Office in Boston refused to insure on
the Minerva with Masts on board I wrote
on 24 to J T Hon to omit them if practicable
but by a letter this eve of 22 says she would
be ready to Sail in a week I expect that before
it is too late Thomson order J T H to have
the Whole carried at Portland where they
have an incorporated Office of reputability
Two ships returned to Sea bro Aug of the
one 300 & Hanham 200 Bbs on coast of
Chili 17 & 18 mo: I am now engaged in
sending the Barclay to D Bay expect to
sail next week I shall probably the next
week go to Hartford with my family S –
still continuing his concern in the Ship –

John Taber Hon 9 mo 25. 1801

Your favd of 22 Inst I rec'd
this eve most of which is replyd to in
mine of 24 to which I refer you, the
Fire Insurance Office in Boston offer to
insure the Cargo of Lumber at 3 p cent refuse
it if any masts are on board, by the
forwarding of the Ships I expect it is too
late to keep them out & of course yr
Office will insure them at prem" you
may therefore reconsider & shall rely

upon your hand it done but if they refuse the Masts must come out, as my Ins uniform orders are to insure all his property with the Insurance Policy covered if the Masts are out & ye Office will write it 3% you are at liberty to effect it there or give me immediate information that I may have it done — if you think any Masts you doubtless thought it necessary to insert it in the Charter party otherwise they being contraband would I conceive lay my Ins liable for breach of the laws of trade — please to give my Copy "B" — the enclosed for my Ins if gone forward it by first vessel for England if not please return them to me

4 mo 12. 1801.

Benjn Rotch

Early in this Month I recd thy favour of 6 mo 4. relative to Insurance upon the Hannah & Eliza & on applying to the Company in Boston they could not consider her so far an American Ship as to Insure at a Neutral premium & asked 18 P Ct but with their answ I recd a letter from Capt Gardner at Isle of May dated 15 of 7 mo (saying they were all well the Ship in good order sailed very fast & the rudder had got to working entirely well & that he should sail next day for Coast of Chili had 2 days pass on this representation they were induced to insure her from Cape De Verd Islands to the Southern Fishery generally with Liberty to stop at St Helena & York. for which I debit thy Acct $31.111/100 prem 15 P Ct $4666.66. policy & Stamps $2.75. my note dated the 08. at 18 months — $4669 44/100. This I think is as well as could be done thou orders the prem covered which I must do here or at some other than the Fire & Marine Office where their general Rule does not exceed $30.000 upon one risk & this has already exceeded it.

I have just recd a Letter from John Tabor & Son informing they have at Last Chartered the Ship

134 Minerva Capt Burdick to Load Lumber

on thy Acct & will probably be ready by the 1st of next mo. 231 Tons for £1155 ₶ I am glad thou art at last likely to have this Cargo & hope it will turn out to thy mind. I shall have it fully insured. Thou hast doubtless ere this heard the unexpected fate of the Lydia, as a brig bound to Gez Smith & Co picked up the people 3 days after she took fire which was on 24 of 7 mo Lat & Long abt 40 it is beyond a doubt the fire originated in the Hemp either from the dampness by water or some Linseed Oil getting upon it, it is indeed a very unfortunate affair to Lydia Lepron of Deep interest to me, on Vessel & Cargo I had not a farthing insured. waiting to hear of her arrival at Cronstadt I did not hear it until a Ship arrived in 45 days that sailed from Elsineur in Co with her. I then sent down to Joseph Taylor & had $14,000 for Thee at only 3 ₱Ct not knowing the Amt of her Cargo I supposed that pretty near thy interest & intended giving her the chance of 60 days before I insured for myself. On receiving the Amt & particulars of her Cargo & finding thou was short insured. I wrote by the very next post both for thee & myself but my letter reached the Office but one hour before Capt Smith reached Boston, for Portsmouth where he arrived before several Vessels for Salem & Newyork who sailed with the Lydia with the Letters from Petersburg giving an Acct of her Cargo I recd one from Abm ordering $4000 insured for him I wrote to his brother Jas who keeps an Insurance Office by the Packet on 4th day & the next day Smith was here, but no intelligence reaching the Island until 1st day $3650 were done for him. & but for James' moderation it would have been all done I am very sorry to give thee so poor an Acct of this business yet cannot blame myself in not complying with thy orders always to insure all for no time was lost after I had obtained the knowledge of the property on board & having always made for Calculations for a Rapid Cargo at abt £5000 ₶ & apprehend from the Northern Commotion the products would be very low I had not reason to apprehend more

than that Sum & it was remarkable that
Smith should meet such an accident & reach home
sooner than some of those who sailed with him. the
fm was too low to risk one farthing. I am very
glad for the that so much is saved & that thou
was so great a part covered altho the Loss falls very
heavy upon myself. Smith & his two mates left the
Hamburgher 18 hours before the Sarah Capt. Mason
with whom Wm S Wall was spoke her & took out the
rest of the People had they all been then on board
they had so long a Passage that its probable it would
have been all covered perhaps its all for the best. on
my own Acct. I have some reason to think it was a
Check to my prosperity that was necessary to call home
my mind fm too great a life in & dependance upon
the world & its pleasant things. & placing it upon the
one great & Essential Object, the devotion of the whole
heart to its Maker. may it have that tendency is at
times my desire with much Love &c. I am &c.,

9mo 28. 1801

Jas Rowland &c

I duly recd your favour of 14th Ult
and observe the Contents & the Bill you enclose dated
21st of 9mo for $1000 drawn by Wm Shotwell payable
when in Cash for his Acct. I shall be retained & when
ever I shall receive on his Acct any more than the amt
I have advanced him I shall willingly remit it to you
but what time will elapse before that will be the case
is wholly out of my Power to determine. the business is yet
to be introduced some prejudices to overcome, & the Founder
has progressed so slowly that business to a small amt have
yet only been forwarded. & those so recently that nothing
has yet been realized by me. I have delayed writing you
a few weeks. in hopes I could give a more definite answer

I am &

Thos Gould 10mo 6. 1801

About 8 hund thee
bills of 800 gls of best winter pres'd oil
which thee requested might be sent
by Capt Atkins it is now on board of his
Sloop and I shall be obliged by thy
paying him the amo & I am &c

10 mo 12. 1801

Wm & Thos Raikes.
London.

In Letters from Lewis de Bauque
of Dunkirk & from Behic & Co of Hamburg. I am requested
to inform you ~~respecting~~ respecting a quantity of Oil
which they have ordered shipd the former. I am sorry
that I am obliged to write them (under this date) that
the Scarcity & high price of that article at this market
will prevent my complying therewith as I should not
be able to Ship it. delivered on board under £34 Stg
P Ton which is £8 Stg above their Limits. I give
you this information that you may not be prevented
from appropriating the funds now in your hands
subjected to my orders. I am &c. W L F.

10mo 12. 1801.

Lewis De Bauque.

I received thy esteemed favour of
7th July about a week since and should be pleased was
it in my power to comply with thy orders respecting
the purchase of Oil. This article has been ~~extravagantly~~ extremely
Scarce for a year past as well at this market as at all
others in the UStates. at Nantucket where the fishery
has been carried on most extensively the price is £38-10
Stg P Ton the expence of full binding. commission &
other charges incident to Shipping would amount to
£ 2. 10 Stg which would bring the cost of the oil delivered
on board to £34 Stg which is £8 Stg above thy limits
and Oil is likewise too high to be ~~shipped at thy limits~~ sold at thy limits
if thou should conclude to have it ~~shipped~~ bought at this price
thou mayest depend upon a strict observance of thy orders
which I shall at all times be pleased to comply with. I am &c

carried to P. 160 W L F.

10 mo 12. 1801.

Bohic & Co
Hamburgh

Your esteemed favours of 21st July were received by me about a week since and should be pleased was it in my power to comply with your orders respecting the purchase of Oil this article has been for a year past extravagantly scarce at our market, and there is now none on it at Nantucket where there has been more brought in the price is £31.10 Stg ℔ Ton the expence of fullbonding commission and other Charges incident to shipping would amount to £2.10 Stg which would bring the Cost of the Oil delivered on board to £34 Stg or £8 Stg above the Limit, our mutual Friend Lewis De Bauque, to whom I wrote under this date upon the Subject, the same reasons may be adduced to prevent my shipping Cod. Oil. that being likewise extravagantly high.
I am obliged by the tender of your services in Hamburg but not wishing at present to make any Shipments must beg leave to reciprocate them. & should Lewis de Bauque wish to have Oil at the Stipulated price should be pleased to receive his or your Orders. I am &c. W L F.

Joseph Anthony & Co. 10 mo 26. 1801

I have duly rec'd your letter of 24th ult. with a/s of Oil & Sugar, upon which is placed to the debit of yr acct — I inclose invoice & Bill of lading of 20 bls: Sp: Oil which I hope you may find a speedy sale for —
I wish you to send by Capt Norton 6 Bbls of Flour & ½ Bl of Crackers - Should Capt Norton be in want of from Five hundred to One Thousand Dollars you will oblige me by accommodating him — I am &c

PS W Rotch Jr absence prevents my getting his signature to this letter, but on his arrival it will be confirmed by him — W L F.

11 mo 3. 1801

Pope & Bourne

your favour of 30th Ult & duly rec'd and note the contents Capt Barney is not here & he has one half the amot due from you. I shall consult him & perhaps may obtain his answer before the Note falls due. but my brother who is concerned with me in the Ship. and has also an interest in the same debt. I know is in want. and having met a very bad voyage the last Summer have calculated upon it the security offered would be satisfactory to me if I could spare the money. & I think it more than probable it may be agreeable to Capt Barney to let his half remain. I shall send the Note to the Cashier of the United States Bank. I hope the China will find a date in a short time. I am &c

11 mo 3. 1801

Peter Roe Dalton

I shall be much obliged by thy receiving of the Union Bank $1500 for Andrew & Dorrs Check of this date for that Sum, I also crave thy attention of collecting of Pope & Bourne $1551. amot of their Note. July 18. at 4 mo date for 1536. & $15 they owe me for premium I am &c.

11 mo 3. 1801

Griffin Barney.

Inclosed I send thee Benj.n Glovers Check on Nantucket Bank for $775 which if agreeable thou may endorse upon the Note thou holds of Jos Baird with my endorsement. Pope & Bourne. who bought the Silks wrote me on 28th last mo that the money would be ready when their Note became due about 20th this month. the amot is $1536 and premium for the goods to Boston $15 making $1551 one half is thine they have also requested a suspension of the payment 6 or 8 months with Lemuel Popes endorsement he is Father to one of them lives at Sandwich & I am informed possessed of a clear estate of about $6000 - that I think him a safe man. if thy choice to continue thine or interest I will order it accordingly & have a note taken in thy name for one half & send thee. I am &c,

11 mo 3. 1801

Smith & Ridgway

Returning Last week from a absence of 4 weeks. I found your obliging of 5 ult. relative to the 6 Bales German Linens you have recd from F & E Delius & am sorry to find so dull a prospect in their sale I think Some of them may do here & wish you to send me one bale of each kind & I will try the market at same time please to inform me what they usually command with your Capt Norton in the Sloop Lydia of this Port is now gone for Philada & by him with them recd Wm Yardley will be able to inform you where he may be found. I am &c

11 mo 3. 1801

Joseph Anthony & Co

Having been about 4 weeks absent I find W L Fisher has replied to yours of Sept 24 in my behalf & requested also that you would pay Capt Norton if he wanted One Thousand Dollars for my acct which I now Confirm & wish you to procure the Flour he requested & Ten Barrels for my own use I hope you will in course of the winter be able to dispose of the Oil sent by Norton. Should Fisher had desired me to send them each a Barrell of the best Oil. if I do not find a conveyance for it shall be obliged by your furnishing them what they want on my Acct. I am &c

Thos Dickason Jr 11 mo 5. 1801

My father has communicated thy enquiry relative to H Dicks affair they are not yet closed but I have assigned to most of his Crs 50 pCt of their original claims on

property & notes & am not in cash yet for any part of my own debt or thing but as thou art about leaving the Country have thought best to send thee my Check for $69.7 only they demand — I see no prospect of receiving any further sum to divide — altho I have demand that would add 3/4 more in the pound — I am &

1 mo. 7. 1801

Phillips & Houghton

Your favour dated July 25 did not reach this place until the 23rd Ult when I was absent from home & did not return until this day week. I have examined my own and the late Co.s Book & find that the remittance you ried for 64 Bundles were for those shipd Sept 6, 1796 — about a month before I had formed a partnership & had opened a New Set of Books & it appears that Sales of the 64 first June 6. 1796 were entered in my old Sales book & by what means I cannot conceive were omitted to be rendered or paid to your Co. it was however an accident without intention & the Sales are here added And $86 25 to your Cr with $20. 64 interest thereon this with Sales of the last 50 Bundles amounted amo $113. 25. making together $220. 14. I now remit you my Check for. My books agree with yours minutes except the 16 Bundles June 7. 1797 of which I cannot find any trace nor any letter of yours of that date but if on your further examination you are satisfied that it was sent without forming a part of the 121 Bundles accounted for I will remit therefor. There are now so many sellers of Paper here that I have but little prospect of Sales for any quantity. should any future prospect open shall be willing to inform you thereof & receive your commands,

I am &c

To Isaac Hicks 11 mo 20 1801

Thy favr of 11th I met in Boston & note thy observations relative to Oil Candles but at present I have neither on hand, bro Thos Hazard sends a few Tons to JB hitherto we have purchased no Stock for the ensuing year, but are in treaty for the Cota if we buy it, shall soon have it prepd, The event of peace so desireable to all who have more regard to humanity than their own private interest finds me destitute of Ships & Merchandize except about 100 Chest Bohea Tea & 100 Souchong the last I expect to send to Boston where it was sold this week at 39, 40 Cts in bad order by the Cargo at auction & I hope mine will not me here 40 - I have drawn two small Orders upon thee one for $100 in favr W S Wall & one T Delano for $70 - I have a letter from Dickason & Stockholm relative to the bill G Barney drew upon me in favour J. Shuter they say the bill with his papers were taken from him, Barney drew it on his own act but tells me he has ordered abt $600 paid upon it by B & Port & wishes me to provide for the remainder, on thy sending that they are duly authorized I will indemnify Barney Jarvis thee to pay the remr about $1200 when in Cash for act - I am thy

To Dickason & Stockdale 11 mo 20. 1801

Having returned last evening from about 2 weeks absence I met your favour of 16th Inst & Capt. Barney being here tells me in consequence of a letter from Shuters Wife he has desired M & P to pay 600 on acct of the bill for £1300 he drew on me, for his own use & wishes me to provide for the payment of the same, I have in consequence thereof requested my friend P & Co to settle the business in a manner that will indemnify Barney he tells me, he loaned Shuter some Books he had himself borrowed & of which were not returned Shuter was to pay for them he think about 6 or 8 Dll but will make enquiry when he gets home & let Shuter wife know it — I am &

John Iggleden Esq Deal 11 mo 23. 1801

Thy favour of 29th Augt annexed to one from Capt Howes Swain of 27 reached me this day. the Brig Amiable Adelia Capt Clarby by whom it came having foundered at sea & the Crew after being 18 hours in the Long boat were providentially relieved by a Ship bound to Boston — I duly note Capt Swains arrangements for the pds of the bills he sent to me for Collection which have been all paid & inclosed thou will receive remittance therefor as per annexed acct. acknowledging thy kindness in offers of service & on my part reciprocating the same. I am &c

As per bill this day sent Dickason & Co ..... for bale — 157.15.8
nov 7.
my bill this day sent Dickason & Co ..... for bale — 157.15.8
457.15.8

Acct Sundry bill on Reed & Son Portm. at W Gould & Sons London £300

Josiah Braddee 11 mo 24 1801

From an apprehension of the Sale of Tea being as good at this Season as they may be in the course of the winter I have thoughts best to send by Capt Anthony 10 whole Co hogs & 20 D. Chests Bohea which I hope even at Public Sale they will fetch 42 ℔ I wish them to try them at Auction but hope thou can make a bargain with S Blagg to sell them so that I shall not on the whole be chd with more than 2½ ℘C. undoubted Security at 4 months will answer my purpose. Capt Anthony will be ready to sail in the morning. I shall be obliged by my kind friend Charles Grinnell if he will enquire at B & W Oltmans No 13 for two Large Chests sent me from Amapolis to their Care & if arrived take Charge of them & send me when occasion occurs & pay the expences charging my acct with them I am &c

11 mo 23 1801.

Thos Dickason & Co

Since my last I am favoured with your obliging Letter of 15 July 3. 14 & 19 August & 3d & 10th Sept. the Contents of which are duly noted. and the remittances rec'd by order of A Barker duly entered conformable to his advices corresponding with yours except the Last (£900) announced in yours of 10 Sept £500 of which he Charges to me of course he will direct for the appropriation of the revenue. The Copper came safe to hand & the Amor is to your Cr. & I am well pleased with your deviations from my directions relative to the quality not doubting the remarks thereon are just it did not arrive in time for her & I found it less necessary than I expected She sailed for 4 Mo on a Whaling voyage to Delagoa Bay & its neighbourhood Gidn Randall master & I shall again expect

her in 12 months — You have doubtless heard of the disaster that happened to the Lydia on her return Lat 40 Long 41 on 9 mo 24 taking fire in the Hemp in the Lower hold no means for extinguishing it remains when discovered & in half an hour the unfortunate Crew were obliged to Leave her & after being two nights in the boats were all taken up & have safely arrived at home

My prudence must be questioned in this Instance having only $14.000 Insured for Acct of BR & $3650 for AB. for myself waiting to give her 60 days chance Capt Smith reached Boston one hour after my letter ordering further Insurance & sooner than several ships that left Elsineur with him it is to me a heavy loss but I am thankful no one suffers by my imprudence but myself. —

I feel myself obliged by your friendly disposition in providing for another Cargo of Petersburg Goods on Acct of BR & AB & myself but it is fortunate AB did not avail himself of it as I have purchased Hemp & Duck here as low as I could import it. I am happy in finding that war has again ceased in Europe and wish peace may be long preserved but of this I cannot flatter myself observing with much regret how easily the Spirit of war has been of late years kindled by apparently small occasions but I am sorry to see self interest permitted to rise superior to the voice of humanity in many of our citizens. who appear very much disconcerted in their plans of Business. —

I have just recd acct of the Panther Soule who I loaded Last summer from the Barclay with Sugars & Teas arriving safe at Antwerp on 22nd of 9 mo. to the addrss of Isaac Thurer & Co who will follow the advice of A Barker & I expect remit the proceeds to you having a letter from Abm 9 mo 9. at Paris, its probable he will repair to Antwerp y^e Cargo is on his acct 1/6 on Acct of my brother Thomas & 2/3 on my own acct

I Crave your honouring my bills of this day in favour of John Eggleston Esq^r Dead for £220.43 Ster at 30 days.

A Barker charges me 24mo 17. dr with you £433.11.5 wch I do not recollect of having mentiond, if not Cr. & it is right you will please conform your Books thereto — I shall likewise draw a small bill in favr Wm Allen for £28.2.6. which request you will pay at Maturity — I have a letter from Capt Gwinn of the Watchuse off coast of Chile dated 10mo 4th last to the 6th Ult the Com 45 hogsheads then bound to the Gal Islands says no more of the Am — The last Cargo of Oil at Nan has been sold the 100 gls at $320 Oil $220 — I will thank you to inform my Br Josh as I do not write him by this conveyance ——— Yours &c

11mo 23. 1801

Joseph Gurney Bevan &
William Allen,

Since ours of 9mo 2. inclosing a bill for £200 the remainder of the Subscription have been reported leaving only £28.2.6 to be remitted for the purpose heretofore explained for this sum we now inclose WRs bill on Thos Dickason & Co in favr of Wm Allen, which you will please to apply as requested. Twenty nine Dollrs of our Subscription have come from those not of our Society requesting it might be forwarded with ours. Before our next Yearly meeting we shall be pleased to hear of your receiving our remittances amounting in the whole to £928.2.6 & of its being disposed of by direction of the Meetings for Sufferings that we may make Our reports. — We are &c. 12mo 2 1801

Josiah Bradlee

Since of 30 Ult received me late last Evening & my Surprise at Anthony's not being in is quite removed by finding this morning that from an unaccountable degree of Carelessness he ran on Chatham Bar last 6th day evening & lost his

vessell. most of the Cargo is landed & some of the Teas wet. I send off Gil Hawkins to take care of the property & what is not damaged to Ship on to thee & if he needs more money than he takes & should draw upon thee I request thou will honour his dft

Nathl Cole took 66 Boxes Candles to day in S Rodmans brand to cart to Boston they are now mine & annexed thou hast Invoice hope thou can sell them at Shorter than heretofore they are very quick at N York at 80¢ I am obliged by Charles Care & hope the Cheese will soon be in I am &c

12 mo 1. 1807

Arnold Sweet & Co

your favr dated 24 Oct. lately reached me and hope to find agreable to your expectation that before a great while you may be able to give the State of Bowens affairs. If the articles brot in are not such as will fetch their Value I wish you to Ship them on to me as soon as possible to the Care of S Hicks N. York if no conveyance direct to this place Mean also to say if any debts due to him are likely to be Collected & to what amot & also the fate of the Tickets my friends here who are with me interested are anxious to know how the finial event will prove I am &c.

12 mo 7. 1801.

Isaac Hicks

Having wrote thee on 20 Ult by J Dean I have been disappointed in not receiving any letter from thee & suspecting mine has not reached thee. I shall forward a Copy thereof to which I crave thy reference. I shall be glad to hear how the Market is for Bohea & Southong Teas & first Quality Rufsia Duck. Hearing that Exchange is rising I send thee two Bills drawn by Asa Swift dated Nov^r 7 at 30 days sight one on Crosfer & Benson Liverpool for £345.5.2 & the other on Rood & Son Portsmouth at Wm Gould & Sons No 78 Grace Church Street London for £200 ~~Stg~~ which hope thou will be able to sell to net me above par. If not thou will please to hold them for my further advice

Should Joseph Howland have occasion for any money thou will oblige me by paying him up to $100. for my Acct. Please inform me the price of Indian Corn. How does the peace affect the German Goods. If the Sample boxes are free of the other packages. shall be glad to have one of them that I may try the Sale here Jan^y

11 mo 7. 1801

Jo^s Anthony & Co.

I have duly rec^d your several favours of 6. 11. & 21 Ult the last covering sales of the Oil sent by Norton amo^t of which is to your debit & the articles sent me by Norton the amount of which is to your Cr. I am very suspicious that your Gauger does not do us Justice our Oil is all gauged by Gunter Jr in those 20 Casks they fall short of our

Invoice 74 Gallons about the Same time we sent some to New York which sold at the Jungs and nelted us Clear of all Charge 97 Cents. while this sent to you nets but about 80¢. I am obliged by your kind offer of remitting the pds. if you can send me a Check for $2000 & have so much to my Cr I shall be particularly obliged — I will Charge the Bill to Jos M. Fisher that you may revern the Charge on your Books. Yam &c.

Wm Burroughs 12mo 7. 1801

I have been informed that E Burrill has some Congo Tea for sale being about shipg some to Europe I wish to procure the assortment I shall be glad therefore would inquire the quality & price with the best terms of Bx. if just imported if imported direct into Newport & if intitled to Drawback if they were not entered first at Newport they cannot be shipped for this will benefit of Drawback will not do for me —

Please also inform me the price of Tonquay & Songlo Tea if any of those teas with you under proper circumstances they early reply will oblige me perhaps D Williams may be consulted the 2d or 3d Thereafter. I am &c

Isaac Hicks in addition 12mo 7

I observe J M & S advertise several kinds of Tea I wish to get some for an assortment to Ch & must know the prices of the following if to be had with benefit Drawback Congo, Kampoey, Songlo Tonquin Padri Souchong & Pekoe Tonquin & Songlo Hyson advertised please give me the prices for 50 Chests ea: & the best terms & Cr they can procure — if they are not higher than Souchong shall wish to have 50 Ch purchased

of Tongua & Souglo if good in qlt both 149
the Sea Horse 50 only may come in the
Same & 50 in the Lydia provided they
were first inspected into by they can
expected for this part with bad Dread if
not they will not do — if those do
this then those will duly attend to the
business at the Colonie that we may
obtain Debenture — I should like
very well to exchange 40 or 50 Chests Bohea
in ½ & ¼ Chests for some Cargo if it is
not of equally ready sale — must then
beat apply to give me previous notice
that may insure the prop[er] sum $1000
upon one rich b[ill] Redmond & what to
be equal to me — but I conclude that
will have no idea of charg[ing] 50 p Ct upon
the prem[ium] for doing this business & as
some of our Agents have made the
offer to us of purchasing when the amt
were 3 or $4000 & they subjected to no incon-
venience on acc[ount] of payment to do it for
In a com[mon] I doubt not that will be
willing to do as well for us — as it is
certainly not worth In what selling
is in the usual way) 12 mo 19. 1801

David Williams

Shine of 14[th] with a barrel of Metal
is rec[eive]d & yesterday the founder on viewing it says
for the Kettle Brass he gives 25 ¢ for the Copper 20 Cents
& for the Coarse Metal only 12½ ¢ as this varies from my
expectation I have retained it till I hear from them
again. but as J Greene was in want of his Money
I have p[ai]d him as Dr[awn] (above) except the interest which
he claims & which by thy direction I will also pay. but not
having the due bill I could not ascertain how much if
any was due. I am &c. —

12 mo 21. 1801

Isaac Hicks

By last mail I received
three of 11th inclos Dickson & Stockholms indemnity
for the payment of E Barneys bill & I have duly
Credited thy Acct with $1200 paid thereon
Capt Crop arrived on 6th Day & informed me he
he had rec from thee 50 Chests Songlo Tea but
without letter Certificates or any Invoice, how to
account for the Omission I know not it is
a great disappointment as I wanted much to
know the price & if any of the other kinds
mentioned in my letter were at Market
he tells me 50 Chests more were to Come
in the Fame, I hope they were so passed
thro the Customs as to Secure the Debenture
presuming they were, I have permitted them
to be delivered to our Custom House Officers
but they cant be reshipped until Certificates
are received. Hoping soon to see the Fame
& receive some explanation. I am &c

12 mo 21. 1801

Meriturn & Barker.

Your obliging Letter of
I duly rec'd & note your readiness to accept my off
for the amount of Sales you have made. I have
been in expectation of hearing from you relative
to the sale of Bohea Tea in half & Quarter Chests
agreeable to my request to you & J B having yet
a few Boxes that I hope to sell so as to net me 40 Cents
having observed in your price Current that Hyson
1801
Skin Tea is 75 Cents & the Brig Betsy Capt Gilbert
Ships being now Loaded for Antwerp, mostly by
brother Bodman from the Diana's Cargo
I should like to have 100 Chests purchased

& sent on by the Lydia provided it has
first been imported into New York & entitled to Debenture
if it can be done not to exceed that price & you
can have it on a Liberal Cr with Discount of
the Interest if Convenient to pay before & the Amt
in your hands may be immediately applied. I wish
you not to purchase it without knowing the quality
good & the Boxes in good Order you will send forward
the necessary documents from the Office and enter
it out expressly to be reshipped on board the Betsy
as in case any loss should happen to it on its way here
a better plea may be made for recovering the drawn
back, I suppose the boxes of this kind of Tea are not
exceeding those of Hyson or Souchong in Weight.
The same I wish insured except $1000 provided it
can be done at 1 P Cent & Subjected to an average
loss - as I consider this application to my Cousin B
in his capacity of an Insurance Broker I suppose
no Commission will be charged for doing this part
of the business. I am &c. I Hicks has bought Tonkai & Songlo
@ 75¢ 6 mo Cr I suppose they are at same prices with Hyson Skin. &c
Isaac Hicks in addition 12 mo 22. 1801

Shine of 18. GH handed me this morng
the Invoice of the Teas & Certificate of due Entry
with it which is all that is necessary to pass thro our
Custom House but in future I advise thy not sending Via
Nantucket in the winter Season it will be 2 weeks to-
morrow since the last intelligence from that place
I had not discovered the Bills were omitted sending them
until GH informed me. They will be now inclosed
& if thou can obtain the discount of Interest on the
Teas thou may pay the Bills of the Bills & any other
moneys thou may have on my Acct & I expect I shall
be able to remit the Amt of the whole if the Debenture
will be rec'd in part. I am &c.

12 mo 22. 1801

John Marsley

I feel myself obliged by thy information of the safe arrival of the Brig Panther transmitted in thy letter dated 24th Sept^r when I Thurer & Co were recommended to me, I supposed they resided at Antwerp otherwise I should certainly have preferred addressing that Cargo to a House resident there. I received however a few days after them a letter from them on their arrival at Antwerp, That City once so famous in the Commercial World I have no doubt must again rise to great importance since the navigation of the Scheld is again opened & I hope it may prove a market so far Equal to our expectations as to encourage a regular intercourse. Beside the usual products of the West Indies our port has been accustomed to export a large quantity of Oil, on the continent what we call Whale Oil, somewhat inferior to that brought from Greenland previous to the Revolution in France we found a large demand for it in that Country and also the use of Spermaceti Oil was increasing both kinds are now very high with us but by another season I expect they will be much lower. I shall be glad to know if the neighbourhood of your City are accustomed to the use of either or both those kinds of Oil what quantity could find a sale & at what prices. My brother in Law Sam^l Rodman Loading a small Brig. the Betsy Capt^n Trefts for Antwerp gives me an opportunity of Shipping to thy address 6 Boxes of excellent Manilla Indigo which I have lately imported from there & which I hope will find a speedy sale to a good Profit I understand it bears the highest price in Europe of any, & shall be obliged by thy remitting the proceeds thereof as soon as thou can to my friends Thomas Dickason & Co London, a few Boxes of the same

Quality my brother has in the Cargo —

I have for Several Years had Dealings with Jos Smith & Co Hamburg, but the house thou refers to I have no acquantance with. My friend Abm Barker perhaps thou hast seen at Antwerp. as he was concerned with me in the Cargo of the Panther & wrote me from Paris he should be there in a few days. he is also concerned with me in the Indigo now Shipped thee & should he give thee any advice relative thereto thou art at liberty & has my wishes to follow the Same hoping soon to hear from thee again I am &c. Please to attend & send me duplicate Certificate of the Landing the Indigo to cancel my debenture bonds. I am &c

12 mo 22nd 1801

Isaac Thuret & Co

I had the pleasure of receiving your obliging favr of 29 Sept announcing the Safe arrival of the Panther & that her Cargo proved in good Order & am pleased to find you expected to make good Sales of the Fine Teas & hope that will also be the case with the Sugar & Bohea Tea, the quality of this kind of Tea is so good that I conclude it would find a Sale nearly equal to Congo, Altho we are informed of the happy event of Peace between England & France yet I cannot Suppose it can yet materially affect your market & having a few more Chests of Hyson & Souchong Teas of the Same importation as those you have received I have Shipped by the Brig Betsy Capt Gilbert Trisp 7 Chests Hyson & 106 Chests Souchong which hope will also find a ~~ready~~ good Sale Invoice & bill of Lading thereof is inclosed. My brother in Law Saml Rodman Loads this Vessell principally with Sugar from Manilla & has also joined me in purchasing 50 Chests of Sonkay 50 Chests Congo & 100 Chests Hyson Skin imported in a Ship that left Canton at the Same time the Barclay did of course it is equally fresh there we hope from your Acct will find a good Sale, Invoice & bill Lading you will also find herewith By letter from my friend A Barker from Paris he informed me his intention was soon to be at Antwerp

If before you heard from him the remittance was made to London it will be agreeable to me & hope ere this time you have been able to realize the whole & remit the Nett pds to Thos Dickason & Co~ To those friends I also wish you to remit the proceeds of the present Shipment of Souchong & Hyson Teas for my Acct and the proceeds of the former Invoice one half to my Co. & the other half to the Co. of my Br brother S Rodman, You will please attend to sending me Certificates of the Landing all this Shipment to Cancel my Debenture Bonds

12 mo 22. 1801

Abraham Barker.

It seems a great while since I have wrote to thee but I hope thy other Correspondents have been more attentive to Communicate to thee what has passed, thy last 10 mo. from Paris acknowledges the rec. of mine & the Panther, since that time various have been my allotments, having with my C & all the Children been 4 weeks absent on a visit to my brother & Sister at Hartford equipped the Barclay who sailed 10 mo. 6. Randa Master, attended 4 Quarterly Meetings & been to Boston & Salem that my time has been much occupied — I expected thou would have heard of the Loss of the Lydia before us as the Crew after two days in the Boats were taken up by a Brig addressed to Geo Smith &c & the Vessels Smith & the Crew took passage in were long in getting home yet reached us before two or three Ships that sailed from Elsineur with him. On receiving thy Orders to make $4000 insurance I succeeded by thy Br Jas to make it for thee but wrote to Boston for my own. Smith reached Boston about an hour after my Orders, but before the account reached the Island $3600 were done for thee, I had previously had $14000 done for Benja I felt very glad I had so much done for you. The loss fell heavy upon myself, but if it only has the effect designed, of more & more weaning my mind from an inordinate attachment to this world it may yet be profitable to me — I have recently met with another loss the extent of which is not yet known. Having shipped last mo in the Sloop President D Anthony 50 Chests Tea. Thro an unaccountable ~~Negligence~~ inattention he ran on a Shoal off Chatham dropped his Anchor & the Sloop running upon it made a hole, more than half

The Tea was wet he lost his Vessell. I wait to hear of its getting to Boston to go there to do the best I can with it. The Amo Shipd was abt $6,000 as thou has about ¼ of the Bohea tea after ½ of the Shipment upon the Panther I hope thy loss will not be Large. J Gardner brought us 6 Boxes Manilla Indigo 2 ℔ each which I have sent P the Betsey Gilbert Tripp, consigned to John Mansley & have informed him ¼ of it is thine & to follow thy Directions if thou gives any if not remit the Pds to PDre. This Indigo is the Pds of the $1000 sent in Cash & upwards of $300 he sold my hollow ware for. I shall of course charge thy Acct ¼ of what that purchased so as to make us equal in the whole 6 Boxes. The Linens from Hamburg & Bremen have arrived to a Dull Market S Hicks has sold part of thine to him, but none of thine to Smith & Ridgway are sold, brother B has confirmed to me his concern in the Linens I have not yet recd Sales of the Coffee sent D Cromline & Son Amsterdam but have lately a letter from PDre informing of having recd the Pds upwards of £950. I hope the Cargo P the Panther will find a good sale the Teas I don-ey per will be much affected by the Peace, 106 Chests of Souchong the residue of the Barclay Cargo I send in this Brig but thy ½ of the 200 leaves but a small proportion due to thee which I shall adjust when I receive the Sales.

I have no knowledge of J Marsley where but from his own letters he gave me the first account of the arrival of the panther & refers to G Smith Hamburg for his Character. as Bt Rodman sends some Indigo with

his Sugar to Shurt &c. I thought it might
raise a little Competition in them to obtain the
best Sales which might be beneficial to us both
as thou can gain a knowledge of his Standing thou
can act accordingly. Since receiving the Sales of the
Lydia's Cargo with Thine & Smiths acct we have
adjusted them & I shall satisfactorily &c- the m/y
3/8 of the Commission allowed by Beldemaker &c
& doubt not my Br will do the same. I have expect-
ed the Value of Ships would fall but it is very slowly
that I despair of buying one for the next season &
have given up Smith to go in the Ocean to Liverpool
& am in treaty with the owners for her to go to the
Baltic & myself to Load one half of her not yet deter-
mined & I shall prefer leaving it for thee to for upon
after knowing how the Markets at Petersburg are
likely to be affected & if I give her quite up may trust
thy Chartering a Small Vessell & send it up in the Spring
Thy Sister Mary was with us acceptably at the
Quarterly Meeting. M Routh & Husband expect
are now at Hartford & expected here soon. W Barnard
has arrived at home. if I do not go to Boston in the
Morng may add to this. Since I have begun this
have received the Samples of Coffee with the Curious
Glass & Salts. Jam &c

Nantucket 2 1801

Isaac Hicks

Thy favour of 28th Ult I receive this morng & regret that my former letter had prevented the Sale of the Exchange at 1 pct above par. had I at that time I sent them adverted to what I wrote thee before, I should have left them to go even at par, as I wanted to use the money in payment for the Tea. I hope now thou can sell them to net par & apply it that way as it will save the interest & I shall remit thee as speedily as possible to make up the payment. The Cr I gave Jas Howland was only in case of disappointment from another Quarter, as that did not take place, there is I think some balance in thy hands which may be applied. Thy letter per post & via Nantucket I have rec'd I did not expect thee to deviate from any uniform practice in Charge of Comn for purchases nor were the persons alluded to of my present correspondents in N York that have offered to purchase for half Comn. But as I never thought it right to charge 1/2 pct for making insurance when 2/2 or the premium would be a more equitable charge, I could not think it right to give 2/2 for purchasing & then 50 pct on the Sum for doing that part of the Buring. I did expect in the Sale of the exchange thou would charge me half pct for selling, as thou has done heretofore which I believe adequate to thy trouble when no risk is run by the endorser. I have looked for an advance on Exchange & have no doubt it must rise After it was strange to me thou had not sent the Papers by the Lydia as no injury has arisen from it. I hope L Crosby will be able to make up his neglect with thee & I shall be satisfied. Before I close this I hope to have some remittance to send herein. I am &c. 4th since writing the above I have paid John Howland $229.00 which sum he says he will request thee to place to my Cr I also enclose H Hathaway Draft of this day on H&C at 5 days for $1900.60 which

how will also please to Collect

Jam[s] &c

1 mo 5. 1802

Minturn & Barker

your esteemed favour of 30 Ult came duly by the Lydia with 100 Chests Hyson Skin Tea in good order, & your attention thereto is very satisfactory the Amt I shall speedily remit to you, & if you have any Occ[n] of drawg on me for the Amo, I will pay it as I wish to save the Interest of the Money & have it on hand in Boston, a bill payable there would be an accommodation, the Amo of the Invoice $4818.08 is to your Cr, Capt Taber just going

Jam[s] &c.

1 mo 8. 1802

Thos Davies Esqr

My Brother in Law Sam[l] Rodman & myself have Shipd on board Snow Betsy Gilbert Jno[n] Master for Antwerp now waiting a wind to Sail, two Hundred Chests of Hyson Skin, Tonkai & Songlo Teas, upon which we wish to have Seven Thousand, five hundred Dollars insured at & from this port to Antwerp, if the Marine Office will take it at three p[r] Ct the p[m] my brother has given in the other Office, if the Compy take it I shall be obliged by the early information of its being done & if the Note is sent me we will sign & return it & advise how to send us the Policy, The Vessel ~~Ann~~ is about 150 Tons has only been two voyages to Europe & is about 1 Year Old. Jam[s] &c

To Louis De Bauque in addition to

Heartily Congratulating Him on the happy event of Peace between France & England I have to acknowledge the rece of thine of Oct 1st a few Days since & am glad the event has proved as thou wished the preceeding copy of my former Letter I refer thee to for the reasons why thy orders were not fulfilled. Several Ships are now gone on the fishery who may be expected next fall when the probability is that whale Oil will be down to £22.10 should thou by that time wish to give me any orders for that kind or Sperm thou may depend upon my exertions to serve thy interest therein. Sperm Oil is at this Moment extravagantly high say $220 ₱ Ton & head matter 320 Dollars. I am &c.

Muntum & Barker 1mo 9 1802

I wrote you on the 5th ₱ the Fame since which I have only been able to procure one ₱ on N York. Seth Russell & Sons on Muntum & Champlin. in your favour for $ 600. therewith. I here inclose you a US Post Note B No for $500 and a US Bill for $100 & Manhattan bill for $100 together thirteen Hundred Dollars which hope will reach you in safety. I shall be obliged by your procuring me a Cast Iron Cock from the Superintendent of the Aqueduct to Connect two Logs & Hogs Hd water at Pleasure B Tabor Jr tells me he saw them on hand & thinks one may be obtained a small size will serve me, if they have more than one. if the Packet does not soon get

away I hope to make up a Larger remittance & I am &c.

1 mo 8. 1802

Andrew C Dorr.

Thy Letter of 4. I duly rec'd with the Cashiers rect for $225.52. & on sends it to the Custom house am informed the Bond was for 50$ more, I shall add sum & take up thy Bond I have not yet seen the Collector. If thou finds it right thou may place it to my Cr in US Bank & inform me thereof; ready at all times to render thee any services in my power, I am &c

Minturn & Barker in addition

I am in expectation that Wilson Barrow will have paid into your hands by the 29th Inst $1200 from Minturn & Champlin for his own & Capt Rogers a/c he is owing me the Money & says he it will be due from them

I am &c.

A Barker 1 mo 11. 1802

I have already wrote thee fully by this conveyance copies the Betsy & have said many things since this I have now the pleasure of ack'g thine 11 mo 3 Inst the contents I duly note I had previous to this Cr thee only £500 of B's last remittance tho J D & Co had informed they had rem'd to my acct £900 — I now Cr thee the $400

I am disappointed in the amount of the P's Cargo but if it is in consequence of the war I can readily submit thereto the price of teas were so very low I thought best to invoice them as I did considering it the short time not

apprehend any calculation would be made for the Dividends and it would put them under the price quoted for Centums – I am sorry any Enemy ever induced my letter only regarded it in case the Panther returned here. D give me a little knowledge of the fabric of that Country – if they come Ths July have contracted cheap them as same cri as the Cargo Money Jo the 76 & 2/3 on same cri as soon as I know what cannot may be think shall incline agreable to thy request – I have remitted the amo p an Ll Swain D his order & 26 Gyn. wife has repaid what was lent her ——

I shall have in hands of JDH Co £4000 for R Goods subject D thy advice & have then at liberty to invest the same as them finds they can be exported at the least price they are now very dull in this country I have declined purchasing a Ship for the trade this year C Tallman in the Hannah now last Spring owned by G Rapalje J Howland & is now going to Charleston to load with Cotton for Liverpool they wish me to load 5/8 or more supposed she will bring 160 To Plum Pudding & 200 Iron & offer a £6 Stump & £3 Iron but as she may not arrive in Season I have prefer leaving the whole D them D chartel & must take what suits them best any money the prop £4000 for me or to take up the Hannah the owners propose loading Jo or 3/8 Shares & will give order accordingly D Tallman Shall know the general assortment we may want then may order Jo cut stock Stump if them Hands just let the Iron be more Sable & cast 5 Iron old sable & 5 Iron square & Jo that 3/4, Jo 7/8 & 1/2 Inch I shall like D have 10 or 50 Bdls and trust they and better come in time as they are a more ready Sale – Stump is now dull a 240 & I thought best Pa Du before the price at 165 should they inclination lead them D go D Petersburg them will be guided by they own judgment in regard D Anchors – if not I have it with them D make out the

order but if Flour should be selling in London as low as it can be shipped from Philadelphia what has often been the case after your purchase it may be best to ship me from three 20 or 30 Tons and not Charter a Ship for I expect every kind of business will be much regulated next year — I am &c

1 mo 16 1802

John Taber & Son

During my absence on a Visit to my brother at Hartford several of your favours came to hand & the amo of the Invoice of the Minerva was duly placed to your Cr I have yet rec'd no acct of her arrival — I hope you have been able this winter to close the Sales of the Sea. the bohea at 40¢ which has been the price in Boston for a long time — I have some remittances to make to Mintzer & Bartow at New York. I gave them liberty to draw upon me but by last packet I remitted to them the Amt This day I have rec'd their Letter of the 11th request me to place to the Cr of Jos. M. Lellan & Son of Portland in the Branch Bank Boston $3784 53/100 on the 29th inst which I have remitted them yet I am desirous to ans. that Sum to Jos M Lellan Son & with your assistance to pay them what you will be in cash by the 29th inform me thereof & please assure them the balance may rely upon being placed to their Cr in the Bank immediately on receiving your ans. altho the time may not have expired, & I will redraw on M & Bartow

I am &c

1mo 16. 1802

Isaac Hicks

Thy favor of the 8th reached me this Day & I duly note the contents. I regret my own neglect relative to the Bills of exchange however hope they will reach par. But having made arrangements for the payment of the Sum no inconvenience will attend not being immediately in Cash for them. I have requested Minturn & Barker to pay thee Thirteen Hundred Dollars which by the Standing of thy Acct in my books when I get the Sales of the Cordage will leave a balance in my favour & hope thou will obtain the Discount of Lottan Son or procure me the benefit thereof without inconvenience to thyself. I shall be obliged by thy forwarding thy Acct Current, when if my books are not Correct. I will take care thou art in Cash to the amount. I have rec'd $263 96/100 for Acct Sow a Taber now settled at New Cornwall with thou Mean to forward the Letter I shall inclose in Copy of this by Packet to him & pay his Order for that Sum placing the Same to my Debit I am &c

1mo 16 1802

Minturn & Barker

Your favour of 11th reached me this Day Contents I duly note & shall make the remittance you request to Jos M Lottan & Son by or before the time you mention. I shall pay Brother Hazard this day $440 61/100 by your request & if the

$1300 has reached you which I inclosed in my letter of the 8th instant. I request you will pay it to Isaac Hicks which will nearly balance my acct with him. the Sam brother Hazard desired places to my Cr you will retain to his & also receive $120 which Wilson Barrow has promised to pay you in all this mo for my acct & hold for my order. The Certificate for the Teas are made out & I shall forward them by next packet when you will please to procure the Debenture Certificate & inform me their amt & when payable holding them for Collection

The $15 you Cr pd by Capt Bunker we have no recollection of you will please explain it. I am &c

1 mo 16. 1802

Jona Taber

Last Month Isaiah Weston came & took up his Note for $400 endorsed 7 mo 17. $150 balance principal & Interest $263 96/100 I have standing to thy Cr. & I have this day wrote to Isaac Hicks requesting him to pay thee that Sum or to thy order, I have not before been able to pay it to thee in N York or should have advised of it before, none other has been paid our friends in the neighbourhood are generally well

I am &c

11 mo 25 1801

Rathbone Hughes & Duncan

I duly rec'd yours obliging Letter dated 30th July accompanied by your power of attorney to Settle your business with the house of Wm & Geo Dean of Salem. I was just then on the point of setting out on a journey of several weeks but on my return I went to Salem upon the busines

& from thence returned last week.
I found on examining their Books in Company with another Creditor & could discover nothing but that the Statement they have made to you of their affairs was Correct. I do not find that the Number of their Creditors exceed fifteen, ten of whom appear to be represented in this Country & from five no legal representation has come to my knowledge. On consulting with the Creditors in this part of the Country & the representatives of them (only 4 or 5) we thought it would be forwarding the Close of this unpleasant business to subscribe an Obligation that upon their fairly Surrendering all their effects they should be exonerated Conditions that every Creditor should subscribe the same & it forwarded to N York & Philadelphia & I think will probably be signed by all of them. I am satisfied of their having made no partiality in their payments since they found they could not Comply with their engagements & I have that confidence in them, that they will do nothing hereafter that will merit Censure. I shall in the accommodation of this business strictly attend to do nothing but what I shall believe yourselves would do if present & therein hope to meet your approbation. I am &c

Inw 16 1802

Josiah Bradlee

I have a large acceptance due at the Branch Bank on the 29th of this Month & shall be obliged by thy placing to my Credit there by that time nine Hundred Dollars if thou art in Cash agreable to thy expectations before that period I shall be glad to know that I may calculate accordingly. I am &c

Peter Dor Dalton Esqr 1mo 16. 802

I am much obliged by thy information of the Payment of Hayne's Note & presume by not hearing to the Contrary that Taylors Note for $2000 was paid on the 11 inst. I crave thy attention to have the inclosed draft on James Andrews of this Date for 213 76/100 collected & passed to my Credit I am &c

1mo 16 1802

Joseph Hart

The acceptors of the bill thou sent me for Collection (Nathaway & Borden) have accommodated me with a bill on N York for the Amt say $1900 6c/100 which I was in want of. I now inclose thee my Check on the Branch for that Sum, when received I shall be obliged by the acknowledgment & am &c.

1mo 20 1802

Peter Bollard

I feel obliged by thy care in kindly informing me of the small dividend out of G S's estate & herewith give thee an order to receive my Part, which please to direct to the administrators as I do not recollect their names & have not the advertisement at hand, when thou receives this Sum, I request thou will remit it together with the fees of the Candles as soon as may be to S & W Fisher to whom I stand indebted

Jam[es]

1mo 20. 1802

Please to pay Peter Pollard or order all my dividend from the Estate of J Lear late of Baltimore deceased that have been or that may hereafter be declared for distribution among the Creditors. WR Jr

To
Administrators to the Estate
of George Deceased

Peter R Dalton 1mo 21 1802

I will thank thee to pass to my Cr Seven hundred dollars for the inclosed Check on the United States Bank dated 12th inst for that amt in my favour Jam& Isaac Hicks in addition

The preceding is Duplicate of my last sent by post. I now enclose thee two Export Certificates for the 100 Chests Tea for which thou will please procure Debentures & inform me when they will fall due & hold them for Collection as I suppose they will not be read in payment for the Teas. Jam&

1mo 23, 1802

Jesse Hollingsworth & Son

Your Letter of Oct 31 came to hand in due Course but as Capt Easton belongs to & sleeps at Newport. I have heard nothing relative to the Ton of Pig Iron until this week a coaster brought it round for several years I have done nothing in the Air furnace, I have a Cupola Furnace

sured to an English ~~Gentleman~~ Workman
who will make treat of the Pigs & If suitable
perhaps he may want more. These come
much higher than any I have bought here-
tofore; I have had a great deal brought
from Philadelphia at $20-2-50 P Ton
Easton ought not to have had more than $3 as that would be
a great freight. I think I had any to com-
me more than $35 here I shall request my
friend Peter Pollard to pay you for the Iron
& shall leave it to you to receive the $35
or make some discount for the high freight
I am &c.

Peter Pollard in addition

Since the preceding I have
rec'd a Ton of P.G Iron fm Jesse Hollingsworth
a Ton for which they charge me $35, I wish
you to pay them therefor & only remit the balance
to Philad'a. I am &c.

Peter Roe Dalton June 26 1802

I am much obliged by the
information under date 23d of the reception
of the Check — I have now to solicit
the attention & pleasure of the C.r of J. McClellan Esq.r
of Portland as p my check him indorsed
$3784.53 — I am &c —

June 26. 1802

John Taliaferro

Yours obliging favr of 66 Inst
this we J.L have by the present mail
favored for deposit to the C.r of Jno McClellan
Esqr at the Merchants Bank $1784.53 as this may
suit the balance I owed Mr Thacher

170 it is to be presumed they have
omitted the Loan made by the Offices
they informed J. L. Son Jun some
other quarter — I am well satisfied
with the Sale of the Sea and shall be
much obliged if you can deposit
in U.S. Bank Boston to my Cr. what
money you may from time to
time collect — I am glad to hear
of the safe arrival of the Minerva
at Milford —— I am &c

John Haskins Jr — 1 mo 29. 1802

Yours of 26th Inst last
ev'g I have this day procured the Debent
from the Office for $79.94 Nav. 7 mo 13 mo
& conformable to thy proposal discount
1 pr Ct pro Permit thee my Stock for
$75.25 as at foot ——— I am &c

Amot of Debentures	$79.94
5 7/12 pr Ct discount	4.39
	75.55
postage of letter	.30
	75.25

Tristram Barker — 1 mo 30. 1802

Yours of 23 is duly
rec'd & I have transfer'd the $300 to the
Dr of J.L. since I wrote you 2 June
pr. M.L. Son the same you claimed at
U.S.B. not having sent of the sum y gave the
liberty to draw they had before they rec'd
my advice drawn the whole Town cou'd
supplying the small bal but I suppose
there could be no doubt but had made
provision therefor elsewhere. I shall be
glad to have the Cash when y can procure
it — I have also advised of the shipment by
A.B. & as he wishes his property covered
I suppose the whole may amount to $5000
of which he has to pay will then if not

arrived home $3000. of which I convince the whole amt of his with pm. I be included

Finding your home sold I Hs ouch I have by the Fame sent you 20 bales 40 ps 1st qlt Russia which hope you will find equally good sale for — I have a quantity of very good osnabrigs laying in phia subject to drawback, could you find a sale for them I have some of them here but not subject to Debenture — I hope the $1200 has been rec for acct Wilson Bastow if not & Harod should stand in need of it please pay it to him — I am your Respectfull Sr

2 mo 2. 1802

Brothers De Bauque

I have this evening recd your favr dated 26th Octr & shall duly attend to the contents, but as your letter of 22d Oct 1800 was replied to under date 1 mo 17 1801 which gave Capt Moore the Acct of the Death of his Son & which I have heard he claimed thro my letter I apprehend you must have recd it. I shall however forward a Triplicate as it was conclusive as relating to our accts. The Ship Thetis is yet at N York have returned from the freight you mentioned she made to the West Indies

I am much surprised Capt Hussey has not given you information respecting your business in his care, he has however been much out of health for a year past & is now very ill at N York but supposed on the recovery, I shall immediately communicate your views to him & act to the best of my abilities for your interest I am very sorry you have been so unfortunate in your American business

from what Capt Hussey has told me I doubt the Ship having made any thing the two Whale Voyages which were both landed & sold at Nantucket, & by the very heavy repairs upon the Ship there, I have understood very little was left from both voyages of this however I shall particularly inquire into & give you information. Capt Hussey has also been at much expence in repairing what was neglected at Nantucket & I shall not be surprised if the Ship has nearly sunk, I hope to get this to Nantucket to go in the Boston Packet to sail the first wind, I am &c.

2mo 4. 1802.

Homberg & Homberg Freres

I feel thankful that peace is again restored to the World & particularly to your Nation upon which happy event permit me to offer you my congratulations, I am pleased that the period has again arrived when we may resume our commercial connection which has long suffered interruptions, the peace has found us in this place possessed of much navigation & no cargoes to export, the smuggling Business has engaged the attention of our Ship Owners the Whale Fishery had become almost extinct it is now resuming again & I hope next winter will find us in a situation to offer some cargoes for your Market, & I hope to be again favored with your advices relative to the prospect of prices next winter for Sperm & Whale Oil & Whale Bone when Capt Swain went to Havre in the Barclay in 1794 he carried for me two Casks of Ivory Elephants & Sea Horse Teeth weighing 480 lb besides 16 together 496 lb

which on his return he informed me he had left with you. I do not recollect nor find by my book that any Acct has ever been rendered of this your information hereupon will oblige me. My parrticular friend & late partner A Barker I suppose is now in the North of France should he be at Havre, I recommend him to your notice if you know where to meet him with the inclosed Letter. I shall be obliged by your, directing it & sending it forward. if not- please to direct it to Isaac Thurer & Co Antwerp

Jam &c,

In P.S. to Triplicate of A Barkers letter - 4th of 2d mo 1802

advised him if he stood in need of additional funds for Russia Cargo to call on Thurt & Co who had my liberty to follow his advice in disposing the pcls of the Panthers Cargo. and mentioned a wish that all my property ordered remitted to London might be retained for the present under the expectation that Guilders will be in demand on acct of one instalment of the Dutch loan being due this year, acknowledged rct of his from Paris 9mo 25.

Winston & Barker 2mo 9. 1802

Since my last by Harod

I am without any of yr favr — by last evg mail I rcd a letter fm W B Newport inforg that agreeable to my request he did by mail of the 4th inst send you Dennis bill on Edmund 3 days st for $1000 which hope has met due honor — if so the Same should call for it please pay it to him

Thurt

To Stephen Higginson &c. 2mo 6. 1802

Since I wrote you last my friends at Nantucket have sent me unexpectedly the 250 Gallons very best Oil at 95 Cents The quality is superior to what is commonly offered for Sale except upon special Order for Family use, Should you think best to have it retained for you I will avail myself of the first conveyance to send it to Boston with the Candles or will keep it for my own account if you prefer suspending the Order for the Spring price, It is of the quality I should wish sent Copenhagen yet it will be no inconvenience to keep it as I have a demand for it elsewhere — working to our direction when you will want it for Shipping — I am &c

Richard Fitchet Nova 2mo 8. 1802

Invoice for 4 Casks with 3 Ba Oil

I have rec^d — By yr former letter it did not occur to me, that you held this kind of Oil at a higher price than the common pressed oil for the Stock price — we have been in the habit of selecting some of the sweetest & purest for our particular use but in our sales have been governed by the price of the other — As I have wrote to my friends what you charge for it, if they take it it will answer for me / I shall remit you the amo^t of yr bill say $239.40 in my check upon the bank for $115 & Rodmans for $124.40 in this letter — Should I have occasion for more than five you can note I am &c

Joseph Taylor 2mo 9. 1802

I have this day discovered that I have a note at the Fire & Marine Office for $1212.75 falling due on 11 Inst which has quite slipped my memory and I have

and I have no means left me for
paying it at this time without great
inconvenience but by soliciting thy aid
thou will very much oblige me by taking
up my said, thou will very much oblige
me by taking up my d note. chuse it b
my Act and send it b me — I am sorry
that I could not have given the more
early notice, but it was quite accidental
that I discovered it at this time, & I
shall be mortified b have it lay over

Joseph Fuller 2mo 5. 1802

Understanding thou hast
acquaintance upon Bally, estate, I want thy
advice in what way I can recover
my debt of him, which after my $116.99
Jan'ry Dividend remains $701.96 without
the last year Interest cannot thou take it
to thyself if I should make some
demand or is he in any way to furnish
payment — The Interest upon thy note
due 16 last month for $383.60 I should
like thou should forward when opty
offers unless more agreeable wher for it
to remain on Interest I am &

2 mo 15. 1802

Munturn & Barker

your acceptable favour of
the 6th I duly rec'd and am pleased you so speedy
sale for the 40 Ps Duck and having only 6 bales 12 Ps
more I shall send them also by the Fame in the hope
you will do as well by them, Barrow assures
me he or Capt Rogers had requested Munturn
& Champlin to pay you for my Acct $1200
perhaps the Letter had not reached them by your
date he however is soon going to New York & promises
it shall be done, you have Cr $8.25/100 for the Cock
& I am obliged by your care therein, Should

hear any thing relative to the report mentioned by Dr Hazard I shall contradict them but Imagine since his enquiry of B L nothing further has been said all I ever heard came from him & I suppose when Capt Case arrived he was well satisfied & I suppose the conjectures wholly arose for want of comparing dates. I am &c.

By last mail I rec'd Invoice of Goods p Oliver Ellsworth which I forward but a copy has not been sent you hope a sample of the goods with your remarks will come by the Lydia. I shall be obliged by your forwarding the Letters accompanying this by first ships

I am &c

2 mo 15 1802

Isaac Hicks —

I duly rec'd thy acceptable letter of the 8th & I have charged thy account $1300 pd by Mentum & Barker, I note thy observations upon the Halifax bill of $60 as I thought went from Nantucket no doubt some of my friends desired Jos Wing his Companion orders to draw upon them on my acct and very probably they may have told me of it & I had forgot it. I however hold myself responsible, but as it was for accommodating a member of your yearly Meeting in a foreign Country perhaps friends of New York would prefer paying it to its passing thro our Meeting for Sufferings & I only wish they should know of it & have an opportunity to act their own pleasure without knowing that I had even mentioned it. I now leave it to thy discretion. I suppose friends of Nantucket have made other advances for his accommodation & with expect to be reimbursed, that it may be best for all to come together. I am &c

2 mo 18 1802

Josiah Bradlee

I dd as thou requested in thy Last the no Barker was here when the Mail arrived, James Barker has sent me a draft this days date (17) upon thee at 10 days sight which I wanted at U S Bank but as it has no Stamp I enclose it to thee & request when due thou will place it to my Cr at that Bank it is for five hundred Dollars, has thou any Rusia Duck for sale & at what price? I am &c

2 mo 19 1802

Benjn Rotch

Thy favr of 11 mo 1. I did not receive until 3 days since & another of 12 mo 12 last Evening & these are all I have recd since that of 6 mo 14. I have already written to Boston to know what terms the Insurance can be effected at, I think its probable their anr will be 5 or 6 pCt & shall conform to thy orders of making Insurance as fast as I hear of thy Ships increasing their Oil, Doubtless thou has heard thro our Friends D & C what I wrote them 11 mo 23. & which was & is all I have heard from them & which I requested to be transmitted thee it was as follows; "I have a Letter from Capt Gwin off the "Coast of Chili 10 may having abt 40 Tons pr Oil the "Ann 45 Tons himself then going to the Gallipago Islands "says no more of the Ann. The last Cargo of Oil at Nantucket "has been sold Leads matter 320 pr Oil 8220 I will thank you to "inform my brother hereof as I do not write him by this conveyance. I am much at a loss what D Jenr could found his information upon or what could conceive relative to thy unlimited Order

for Oil, my highest Limits have been £32, with Liberty for the Sake of fitting up a Ship to advance it ~~£40~~ I wrote thee Last winter that the Object must now be abandoned as the price had then advanced to £45. The price advanced to £50 in a few Days, & finally 60 to 66 This I suppose D.D & Co informed the Iron after they wrote so hastily & with a little apparent irritation. only one ~~ship~~ has arrived viz the Edward Perry with abt 100 Tons Sh Oil that was sold at $320 & $220. Two small vessels one with 115 the other with 7 Tons are all that have arrived viz the H & E sailed & that was sold at Nantucket. we have not bought a Ton since except one of best pressd Oil a few days since which I could not get under 95¢ ₱ Gallon Cash. The Maria will be expected the Last of this M^o & a few small Vessels in the Spring from the West Indies as fast as any arrive I shall purchase if it goes at my limits for them & as soon as will be advantageous purchase another Ship but there is little probability of a Cargo being at Market until 6 mo unless the Islanders should despair of holding up the price & sell their Strained Oil so that I should think it will do for them. The Ships I now mention, Lion Boston Packer & Hudson all belonged to manufacturers who strain its Oil. the B Packer now goes back to Calais with most of her Oil strained those Ships brot the qu^s mentioned in mine & but little more. the Cato abt 100 this Ship & the Edward sold their Oil the highest & the only cargoes that could have been taken hold of if the price had been proper. Whale Oil has been up to $150 now about $140. We have from this Port besides the Maria Barclay Dana & Howard gone round the Cape of Good Hope. there can be

expected until next fall & then will be
able to Lessen thy Limits before they arrive if thou
finds they are too high. but if I procure 200 Tons
for the I doubt more coming in than will find
a Market in this Country which now takes off a
Large quantity. Thy furniture shall go by the next
whale Ship. I expect the Ann went also to the
Gallipagos Islands where Easton found whales very
plenty being but few Vessels. I shall not draw
for the premiums until they are due & then as 60
days 18 mo^s was allowed perhaps they may be
extended to the termination of the risks with Interest
after that time & I hope without. the fever thou
alludes to was of a highly putrid nature tho not
contagious for 9 persons died of it. I am not a little
hurt at thy acct of the Lumber & burthen of the Ship
I had no thought before I rec^d thine that I was
owner of the Ship as he never hinted it to me
& I am much surprised at the quality of the Lumber
I wish when thou art at Liverpool thou would look
at the quality of the Lumber usually sent there from
the Eastward & give me thy Idea of the Comparison
I shall soon forward the State of the Lydia's Accts
& Remit the Cargo amt to about 64,000 Roubles.

Jam &c

Joseph Taylor

2 mo 26. 1802

I am without any of thy favours
since mine of the 9th. to which I hope to receive a reply
when the roads become passable — I have heard
some report of a failure in Boston of a person
who is on the policy of the Ship Ann No 5355, I
have not been confirmed in that report but if it

is so. I shall be obliged by thy information
what rule you have taken in the Office in cases
where the risks had not terminated & I wish if it
~~is~~ true that he may be discharged off the policy
& such part of the prm allowed as is reasonable.
my last accot from that Ship was by letter from
the Capt. of the Wareham dated 10th may but tho
he mentions the Ann does not say when he heard
last from her I presume however that when the
last accot was recd from the Ann One third of
the time of her Voyage was not expired. Thy attention
hereto & information will oblige thy respectful &c

2 mo 27. 1802

Francis Rotch

After receiving thine of 8th March &
23d June when Capt Hawes returned from Sea I procured
his protest & a Certificate frm the French Consul givg
him liberty to dismantle his Ship here & by request
of J Thebaud forwarded them to him last Summer.
Last Evening thy triplicate of 7 Novr with addition
of 16 December from Paris reached me (the orig & Duplicat
not recd) by which I notice the probability of thy makg
an establishment at Havre in Connection with our old Friends
Homberg & Homberg frères for promoting the Whale Fishery
provided the prospect of havg the Bounty restored should be
realized in that event take place thou may rely upon
my readiness to serve thy interest whenever thou may
desire it. I apprehend that in the present scarcity
of Ships in France & the surplusage in America it would
be more advantageous to purchase them here, furnish
all that is necessary from this side with the necessary
Officers & compliat them in France. coming here to procure
men will always be attended with disadvantage
as they cannot be procured here to go upon the terms
I suppose you may get them there. Capt Hawes has been
so successful that I doubt his going to Sea again

he is concerned in two Brigs that have done well & has now a handsome property, Capt Parker sailed from here in the Brig Eagle (new) abt 170 Tons in 1810 last for Charlestown there took a frt for Santa if he knew where to find thee I doubt not thou would hear from him, I am at a loss to know what Capt Tobey thou enquires for, Lewis Tobey is now on his Passage from London for this Place in Ship Venus & I expect the owners will put her in the Fishery & he will go in her Capt Jame Tobey is now mate of the Barclay Grays Randall Master sailed in 1810 for Delago Bay, as soon as I can find where Capt Mayo is & how his Character stands at this time shall write him as thou wishes, the Boston Packet owned by Le Veux of Calais (as I suppose) is bound to Havre, she has been employed from Nantucket during the war, I hear several young men are going in her to seek business in the Fishery in France some of which no doubt will meet thy views but I do not know who they are except Christr Folger he was mate of the last Ship that returned here from the Fishery & was well spoken of as a good Whaleman I shall endeavour to get this on board the Boston Packet, & if I can gain any further knowledge relative to the Characters of those who go to such business shall communicate it to thee, It is at this moment very difficult to have boats built or procure good boards & Oars owing to the long suspension of the business & many repels now sitting but if its possible to forward any of either articles to thee by this Ship shall do it, I believe she has been waiting a Month to go to Ostown to take in her Cargo being a deep ship cannot cross the Bar with any part in must therefore wait for a very moderate time which does not often occur at this season altho we have seldom had a more moderate winter, I am sorry that I have not been able to

182 bring thy demand upon L Jarvis to a close
I have both Corresponded with him & last Wm had
a personal interview with him in Boston. he is settled
at Penobscot living in a very frugal manner endeav-
ouring by settling his lands to make them more valuable
he assures me he shall be able to make the reparation
& his standing at Present with the Doctor is such that
he has no expectation of favour from him, & the Dr will
not do any thing unless I prosecute him, I have several
times conversed with him on the subject. L J's circumstances
& present situation are such that my feelings have
been so excited at his narrative that I cannot use harsh
measures without doing violence to my own feelings
& knowing thy former connection & friendship for him
I did not suppose thou would even consent to it if
thou knew his present depressed & tried situation
scarcely at times (as he told me) able to procure the
necessaries much more the comforts of life — he has
flattered himself that from the Change of adminis-
tration in this Country he should be able to realize a
large ~~property~~ demand he has against the United States
I am pleased thou has seen my frd Abm Barker of
whom I think thou has formed a just Opinion, I am &c

Josiah Bradlee

2 mo 27 1802

I am obliged by thine of 19th informing
of the payment of J Barkers Bill. I had a Note fell due
at the Fire & Marine Insurance Office on the 11th for
$1212.75 & two days before I wrote Jos Taylor (who still
owes me $3000 for the Loss on the Lydia) requesting him
to take it up not hearing from him last week I went
to A Wells Jr & last Evening rec'd a letter from him
of the 23rd when Taylor had not paid it. feeling a little
hurt at my Note laying over I request thou will pay
A Wells Jr what thou art in Cash for my Acct & if
not enough I will remit him the balance, I am not
in immediate want of Duck & if I do & Capt Norton
drops a visit in Boston it's probable I shall buy & also some
Hemp. what is best Hemp now with you? we are concerned for the
safety of the Warrior if she sailed on this day week as was expected — Jan 30

Isaac Hicks

Thy esteemed favr of 12 Ult was handed me last Evening by Br Hazard who reached home at that time after a tremendous passage & experiencing providential preservation which I hope will not only excite humble gratitude in those to whom it was immediately dispensed but also to their connection — Thy acct Current has been was Compared with my books & was nearly conformable. my acct is now sent to which if right thou will please to conform, I thought thou had informed me J & P had paid thee $389 37/100 for acct Arnold Swear & Co & which I Charged thy acct, I do not now find any mention of it in thy Letters after 9 mo 4 when J & P were expected to be in Cash in that month, I hope it was duly paid, I was well satisfied in respect to the taxes of the Teas that thou did what was right, The Certificates I endorse & now return. if the $389 37/100 is rec'd the balance the balance $324 75/100 in my favour stands right to new acct — As I have an interest in the Drawer by Br Hazard which is to be paid for between 7th & 10th of next Mo. I shall be oblig'd by thy information if any of the Sales of the German Goods will fall due before that time that I may calculate upon —

I am &c

Jon Talen is now here & I shall pay him the money I deputed Han to him to draw upon thee for —

3 mo 3 1802

David Sears

I have this day received payment for the draft thou gave me on Thos Delano for One hundred & ninety Nine Dollars for which am I thou hast herein my Check — I am &c — Wm Rotch Junr

3 mo 2. 1802.

Arnold Welles Jr

Thy obliging favour of 23d Ult
I have read & hope if Taylor does not take up my
Note Josiah Bradlee will do it, I am a little
mortified at its laying over. I supposed the Company
had as much at Hazard in my Ships as they
would choose & I only took the Liberty to ask thy
opinion what the Ins would be, I suppose abt 6 pct
perhaps as you have but $25,000 on the Ann & Wareham
you would take 6 or 7000 more which is all I want
done on the Wareham & abt $10,000 on the Ann
I am &c

3 mo 2. 1802

Thad. Mayhew

Thine of 6 Ult gives me
a very poor prospect in the Debt of Blackford which
I am very sorry for having in the course of the Last
year met with many heavy losses, brother Hazard
having bought a Ship for himself & myself & the money to
be paid down, I wish to appropriate all I have in
N York to that purpose & as besides Blackford's Note
I now stands indebted on my books $82.62 I shall
draw upon thee therefor at Sight in favr Minturn &
Barker & if I have omitted any thing that should since
that time come to thy & please accept the Bill for
what may be the real Balance which will much
oblige me at this time, I am &c

3 mo 1 1802

Thos Dickason & Co

Since my last of 11 mo 23 I have only
been favoured with yours of 13th Oct. advising of £955.0.9
being remitted you by Danl Crommeline & Sons for my Acct
Wils & Co of Amsterdam have informed me that by direc-
tion of their House at Antwerp they have remitted you
bills for my Acct amounting to £1334.7.9 which
I hope have been duly honoured, I have omitted remarking

any Ship from here this season for the Baltic & have Submitted the business to my friend A Barker to Charter a Vessell for himself & me if he finds Russia Goods reducing to Peace Prices & informed him I should leave £4000 in your hands subject to his direction for that purpose & as I hope that Sum is now to my Cr I have to request your holding it subject to the Orders= being drafts or A B's direction) I have mentioned to him the probability of the Ship Hanover C Fallman Master of this Port going to Petersburg She is gone to Charleston to Load for Liverpool to Cropper & Benson & the owners wished to load a part & for me to take the other part. but I have left the whole to Abm but mention this to you at the same time wishing if any thing should defeat my expectation of his attending to it that you will adopt the plan advising Thompson Bonar & Co to provide the Cargo as usual heretofore Omitting Flax & Linseed Oil soliciting your kind attention hereto if necessary. I am &c

3 mo 2. 1802

Minturn & Barker

It is cause of thankfulness that Mr Hazard with those on board the Lydia were preserved thro a most perilous passage. Providence we apprehended had secured them from so dangerous a situation he reached us last evening had arrived at Newport on 4th day by him I have your esteemed favours of 19 & 20th & am sorry you had not recd the $1200 promised by Barstow he informs me Capt Rogers is now at N York & will positively pay it or see it done if not paid please to call upon him this with the $ 1000 remitted by Burroughs you will please apply to the Raymond of the Diana & the enclosed Seth Russell & Sons draft on Minturn & Champlin for $220 and my

annexed dft on Thads Mayhew for
$82 66 the residue for my half I shall as speedily
remit as I can. I am pleasd. to find the Duck
have arrived hope those ordered here will come by
the Jane & that you will find a speedy & good mar=
ket for the residue &. if you open the wrap shall
like to have 1 or 2 ℔ of the best for my own use-
I wish you to send me in the Diana two of the
fifteen Bales of brown Flemish one of those Num
bered from 26 to 30 & the Bale of Sheetings № 24 - &
inform me what advance you think you shall
be able to obtain upon that invoice -
if you cannot sell the threads altogether I should
like of them a sample of three numbers to find what-
they will do here - Sent by the Jane 12 ps more
Rufna Duck which hope has found a sale -
I conclude the Flemish Linen will do for light
sails I have imported it superior to Ravens Duck
I am &c
I inclose Benj.n Coleman's dft on
Allen Shepherd for $25. which
please receive & Cr me - As the box of threads was
was ordered particularly for this Market I wish you would
send it in the Diana & if you have any offer for it let
me know what it can easily be sent back if it will
not do here, I am &c
3m 06 1802
Saml Bowne

If I neglected replying to thy
Letter relative to Embra & Lawrence's demand upon
O Cain I can accr for it only by my not receiving the
information I wrote for several times to my friend
Jas Andrews to whom it was submitted for collection
at the time that Demand came to me O Cains vessel
was in the Stream & ready for Sea I gave the matter
into the hands of J Hammond Attorney at Law to do
the best he could he accepted of Jas Stewards endorsement

to pay in Boston in 10 days Stewart & O Cain
appeared confederate afterwards & in the name of
Joshua Plumb the Vessell & Cargo were put into the hands
of Davenport & Tucker who on suit being commenced
made the acceptance herein (with O Cains Note)
but they say that on Closing their accts Plumb
fell much in debt to them that they have never
been in Cash, when in Boston the past winter
I took the Papers to return to them & it slipd my mind
until last evening I recd them of 24 Ult I now
send them to them regretting that I have not
succeeded in obtaining payment, but I do not
know of any thing that could be done to save it hitherto
where Stewart is I know not, I supposed he was of
New York, the last I heard of O Cain he was left by
his Vessell in some difficulty at Lima or some part
of the coast of Peru, Plumb is worth nothing if I
am rightly informed & perhaps resides at Hudson

Jam[s]

3 mo 8. 1802

Asa Swift

Last Evening I recd a Letter from
Hicks & Post New York of the 2nd inst inclosing a draft
for 450 Dollars on this town which is honored, for thy
acct by the Order of Capt Briggs of the Schooner
Lucy this sum thou will please to order as thou may
wish

Jam[s]

Hicks & Post

3 mo 8 1802

your Letter of 2nd inst inclosing your
draft on John Howland 2nd for $450 is recd the bill
honored & I have written to Asa Swift informing
him that it is to his Credit, Jam[s]

3 mo 8. 1802

Minturn & Barton

your favour of the 4th
I rec'd last evening & am obliged by your care in forwarding the Quills & am also much obliged to our friends Minturn & Champlin for paying the $1200 on Barton, from the many & positive assertions of Barton I cannot accot for the neglect in him & Rogers, it shall be now placed to your debit. By Capt Clark of Ship Hunter I have already written you how the is yet in the river detained by the Wind. the Quills you retaines for your own use may be governed by the sale of those you have on hand

I am &c

John G Ladd

3 mo 9 1802

By the Dracilla Capt Howland

I have sent thee a few articles as per Invoice & Bill Lading, which I hope will find a Speedy sale & in which thou will act thy Judgment as to price. I have some China of same kind retailing at Boston at $8, for which I allow 5 P C & as I have some considerable quantities of those kind of Goods on hand shall like to send thee a further supply of any kind thou thinks will sell. Please to send me by Capt H. 20 Barrels Fine Flour & 20 Bbls Mackerel or Shad brand & also have 4 Casks (on board) Salts with beans, & if thou cannot make the sale of these Goods pay therefor thou will please draw upon my friends Saml & Mess Foster Philada forward the enclosed letter to them if thou does not draw thou may return the Letter to me, I am &c

Saml & Mess Foster
of Portland Me

3 mo 9. 1802

I wrote Peter Pollard on the 20 requesting him to remit you a balance he owed me of abt $150 also a Collection he was to

make of above $200 which I hope has been duly performed altho I have recd no advice thereof from him. have made a Shipment to J G Ladd Alexandria & ordered some Flour from there I having given him Liberty if he found it necessary to draw upon you for. 200 3 hundred Dollars should he do it I shall be obliged by your honoring his draft & if the remittance is not made from Baltimore I will remit to you — I am &c

3 mo 13. 1802

Peter Roe Dalton

Inclosed is J Simpsons Check for $80.15/100 which please to pass to my Credit, I am &c

3 mo 13 1802

Josiah Bradley

I sincerely lament the unfortunate events of the destructive fire with you & particularly its falling upon thy store altho I hope thou had time to save thy Property, of this I feel anxious to hear — I recd thine of 8th & feel much obliged by thy friendly interference to have my Note paid — I note thy observations upon the price of Hemp: I shall want 2 Tons of ~~Hemp~~ the best quality & wish thee to engage it that I may have it when there is a conveyance either for Cash or Iron but if thou art in Cash prefer it — I have expected it will this Spring be imported from London cheaper than it is now selling

I am &c

Same mine of 12th

I have rec'd y'r favd of 28 Ult & 30 same
respg the acceptance of bills remitted
for my acct by Thos & Co and I together
to £1334.7.9 which is duly placed to y'r
Cr — The brig Snow Grove Capt Tripp
is now about sailing for Charlestown with
Rice to the Topl & a market — The owners beg
particularly desirous she should be loaded
up to go to Petersburg I have in the inclosed
informed AB thereof & also wrote him
via Amsterdam as Capt T had his owners
instructions to write upon the subject of his ~~last~~
last they inform me / perhaps he may
inform you of his determination in case, which
I shall be particularly obliged by y'r informing
Capt T I also write AB when he may have
him with letters — further the charter of the Vessel
I have agreed with the owners provided the
goes to Petersburg that if you have occasion
as I wrote you heretofore to take the direction
of this business y'r may inform Capt T and
the business is left with AB and the ~~owners~~
owners are only holden to me in case he agrees
with Capt T — you will please forward the
inclosed to Abm & oblige y'r &c

Wm & Co

3mo 13. 1802

I have the pleasure of
acknowledg the rec't of y'r favored favr of 5
& 22d Decr and of acquainting you that the goods
by the Ellsworth & Columbia are both arrived &
the last placed to the Cr of y'r A/c here — T D & Co
have informed of the acceptance of the Bills you
sent them by order of said house for my acct
amounting to £1334.7.9 for y'r attention thereto
as also forwarding the Landing account
Please accept my thanks

My Jd A B has wanted his letter sent to the care of W Antrobus Esqr if you know where he is I shall be obliged by your forwarding him the inclosed speedily — and if you have the brig George Capt L Tripp of that port for Charleston with Rice ordered for the Lepel and Cider to sail about this time for your address, or can find to what port she goes to discharge I will thank you to inform A Barber thereof as he has my orders to Charter a vessel to load for Petersburg & the money of this vessel can probably accompany she should take her up — if Capt Tripp is with you and not engaged in any other business I will thank you to inform him thereof — my brother J Redman Irving has loaded a brig called the Betsy with sugar Tea & Indigo likewise 10 pipes Rum &c)

A Barber 3 mo 13. 1802

Since my last of 1 mo 11 I rec'd a triplicate of 4th I have none of 12 mo 12 and am glad to find that R goods were on the decline — Hemp is growing scarce in this country & advancing $260 is now asked & in my 300 Gth is contained in a vessel by name of Tripp Mr about this time may sail from Amsterdam for the Lepel Harbour as that vessel will probably buy as much as she shall want the money she should go take a frt for to Petersburg for £600 Ster & I think she will bring 60 a 65 Tons of hemp & 100 Ts of Iron & of other goods what she may want, that vessel and can find where she is ordered perhaps it may be the best thing can do the best has 3 T Foremast & In the Cabin then Mr of the Cabin its probable he may discharge at Amsterdam or Copenhagen I shall write D Wills & Co a whom perhaps she is addressed

and cover this & send duplicate to T S & Co — I am discouraged from the anx thus given of any information being sought in the practices of that old Country but as it is not very probable during the continuance of Peace — we shall have occasion to make much use of them we must leave them — I have not therefore said any thing relative to Hay going to Petersburg but for my own part I do not much like it I think there might spend his time more agreably in England — The Commercial affairs there cannot take if they will afford much profit — Having just heard the determination of the Govt I have not time to add but am Very affectionately

Yours

Sticks & Post

3 mo 18. 1802

Your letter of 3 mo 2 was duly recd & the order inclosed on Jos Howland 2d was paid & Asa Swift duly informed this day he has called upon me & recd the $450 the Amo of said Order for which you have annexed a Swifts receipt

I am &c

3 mo 18. 1802

Stephen Higginson & Co

I now inclose you bill of 3 Casks Oil & 13 Boxes Sp Candles amot to $128. 27/100 Shipped by the Hoop Nancy Capt Smith whose bill Lading is inclosed. the Amo you may place to my Cr in U S Bank. I doubt not these articles will prove of best Quality & at any future period I expect to be able to furnish the Oil from my own Stock & shall be pleased to receive your Orders, I am &c

Josiah Bradlee

3 mo 18 1802

I recd thy letter inclosing Peter Pollards Bill on Jos Howland & Co for $450. 30 Ds sight on presenting it they have accepted it for $131 & which they say is all the funds in their hands & this Summer maturity

shall come to thy Credit. Sloop Nancy Abner Smith is bound to Boston with expectation of bringing a freight back & has engaged if he should return here to bring my two tons of hemp — I am glad to find no other loss is sustained in my Candles than damaging a few Boxes & hope thou will find a sale for them soon — If thou sees no prospect of a sale for them I should like to have them Shipd to Jno Tabor Portland who have had a call for more than I had to send them —. I am now quite destitute of that article

Thou spoke of my letter to inclose thee James Barker's draft on the for $800 I am to at five days sight w^h request thou wilt deposit to my C^r in the Bank when due not being on Stamp paper I did not like to send it to the Bank3 mo 18, 1801

Peter Pollard

I wrote thee on 1^st mo 20^th & annexed an order on the admr of Gio Lears Estate for my dividend which I hope was right as to form & this I presume was or thou would have obliged me with the information I then requested thy remitting the Amo in thy hands to J & M Fitler & calculating thereupon I ordered J G Ladd of Alexandria to draw upon them for a balance I should have had in their hands but a few days since I recd a letter from S M F 1^st instant who inform thou had made thy calculations to pay me here & last Post have from me from J Bradlee thy agt on J Howard & Co they have accepted it only for $131 11/100 which they say is all that is due the order was for $150 I thought best to give thee this information & hope it will still be convenient for thee to pay it to S M F otherwise they will be in advance for my Acct until I can remit it from here. I am &c

Nantucket 3 mo 16. 1802

Saml Barker

Sirs mine of 8th

I am without any of your favs I have been in expectation of obtaining bills on New York to make up the payment of my duty the Diana, and her stores but hitherto cannot find any, I have yet some prospect from Nantucket but if you can negociate any bills on me payable here or in Boston I shall accept them for $2000 & remit on the money by the time you can do pay it no bills can be negociated — please to please Denny & Co another small dft B Coleman on Shipbuild for $15 —

Sam'l —

James Barker 3 mo 18. 1802

Saml

I duly rec'd thy letter with $200 for which sum thou art credited to E Baxter for E Price and for thy attention am much obliged — I have now before me thine of 3 mo 16 inclosing thy dft on Bridle at 6 days D for $600 which when paid shall be duly placed to thy Cr I hope thou will be able to find me a dft on Ny or I have $2000 to pay thee in 30 days or less and in no way to do it without indg on the money if thou can send me some Ny paper I shall be obliged as I can find none here

Minturn & Barker 3 mo 23 1802

yours of 16th is duly recd & herewith I return the Debenture Certificate endd to you the Goods you shipd in the Diana are recd in good order those you have on hand hope you will be able to sell better than at 30 pr Ct as than I suppose will little more than cover cost. but if you find when the best season comes for selling they will not do better I submit it to your Judgment to sell them I am glad you have sold the Duck 10 a little lower than the former. Sales of those two Parcels will be acceptable. I now inclose you Hulley Eldredge Bill on Hicks & Post 20 ds after date (which I calculate will be in time for the payment of the Diana) for two Thousand Dollars. I am &c

3 mo 30 1802

Isaac Hicks.

Yours of 18 came duly to hand by which I find H & C have not pd the sums desired by Isaac & Co for this delay I am very sorry as I have lain a great while out of the Money. I shall take it your Acct & Cr it stands to A S & C. I note thou art in Cash for my Acct for the German Goods but have remitted bills for the Payment for the Diana. I shall not now draw. yet I shall be obliged by thy remitting to Isaac & Moses Fisher 3 or 6 hundred Dollars for my Acct as soon as thou canst as I am expecting a draft upon them from Alexandria & they have recently remitted what money they had to my Credit. I have taken a draft from Jno Barker drawn by Jno Folger Jr dated yesterday upon them for Two Thousand Dollars at 5 days sight

which please to pass to my Cr (being here inclosed) & Cr Jam[es] Rodman a balance he owes me $362 38/100 as soon as thou has closd the sales of the German Goods I shall be glad of the sales, I am &c

3 mo 30 1802

Jared Gardner

Thine of 26th instan is recd inclosing $1200 on acct of the Custom House bonds for $1268 46/100 which I was obliged to pay abt a week since & of thou will pay to the Cashier of the Bank $. 68.75 I conclude our accts will abt balance I am &c

3 mo 31 1802

Josiah Bradlee

Thy obliging favr of 26 was recd & the bill of 2 Jons Hemp plaed to thy Cr the Charge of Bills Loads (tho we shall be noticed) is new to me in the same District & I believe the Subscriber in all cases is bound to pay the Stamp I mention it that if I am Corrected in it's not being required in the same District & shall not recollected it, it may be some saving in the many thy business requires to be fitted — I have subscribed the Proof of my Debt & been before a justice to affirm it & now return it & Grinnell had in Charge to inform thee the Oil & Candles were the property of Stephen Higginson & Co when thou can sell 100 200 boxes China @ $6.50 please inform me. I am &c

4 mo 5. 1802

Thos Dickason &c

Crave my reference to my last of 13th inst I have now to acknowledge the receipt of by last post of Duplicate of yours of 2d June with addition on 6th Feby inclosing Copy of my Acct Current but as the Acct with WPF was not inclosed I am at a loss to conjecture the balance you observe in your favor £928. 8. 3 If you had conformable to my request 6 mo.s place the balance due from our late house to the Debit of

my brother, which was done on my books when I recd your favr 18th July where you mention "at your desire we transfer the balance which was "against you at the end of last year Viz £1673.12.2 "to the debit of Mr Benjn Rotch" — your Acct Curt: with me is conformable to the entries on my books except £433.11.5 discounts by Order of Abm Barker & £130 remitted you by Capt Samuel Tripp these two Items I suppose stand to the Cr of Wm Jno & Co & if the former balance is not transferred would make the balance against us £910.0.9 which with incidental Charges may bring it to what you state £928.8.3 — when the Compt Acct comes to hand I shall be able to ascertain if this conjecture is right — when you confirm your Acct the balance I suppose in my favr will be between £4 & £4500 — We have no alteration in the Oil Market nor any arrivals or intelligence from any of the Fishermen since I wrote you or my brother, the Maria is daily expected from the Pacific Ocean — Two days ago I recd a letter frm A Barker Amster 1mo 22-26 and shall be pleasd to hear of his arrival in England — I am obliged by your honrs my two drfts for £220.4.3 & £28.2.6 — Hoops used part of the Copper imported for the Barclay I have to request you to ship me as early as may be via N York (to Hicks) or direct to this place the Quantity of plate Copper as at foot, no nails are wanting your attention hereto will greatly oblige me

Coppers to be shipd

150 Sheathing Plates	26 oz	℔ Square foot	
34 wide	D	6/20 Inch	22 oz do
215 plate			28 oz D

4mo 5 1802 —

Mentum & Barker

your favour of 3rd is duly recd this morng & the Sales of the Duck acceptable & duly entered to your Debit as is the Debenture as directed by you

the not exactly right yet I have Corrected it between Wm Self myself I place this to your Acct be hereof in view mentioning therein holden for my Acct you will please to transfer to Dr Hazard & Co all the Money I have remitted you on Acct of the Decia sey $4533.81 have charged him & Co you that am as I have in view to attend the yearly Meeting at Philada & NYk I expect to accompany our friend M Routh & Sister Lydia Rotch to Hartford on their way to visit the Boarding School at Nine partners & if well hope to pass thro NYork towards the last of next & shall do myself the pleasure of calling upon my Nephew JB but my stay must be very short at that time, by next Packet I must request his care of a small Trunk for me if he will please to give it room in his house I am &c

Jones

Arnold Isaacs & Co

A few days since I recd your letter of 22 Sebt & am very sorry for the loss that is likely to attend the return of the Goods ordered for Bowen & also that you have not effected a Settlement of his Affairs. If you think the books are worth more here than with you wish they may be sent forward. I shall enquire respecting the Tickets but I believe the Philanthropic Lottery has failed of drawing being granted for individual benefit, I suppose the responsibility was not sufficient. In consequence of your letter last Spring I wrote to Hicks & he informed me Hoag expected to be in Earth the following Month for your Acct & would then pay the Amo you ordered, resting assured that it was accordingly done & heard nothing of the Business until recently receiving Hicks Acct Current without the Cr I wrote to him & last mo he informed me that Hoag were not in Cash & had not paid it, I shall be much obliged by your making some other provision for the payment as soon as you can I am &c

Benjamin Rotch 6mo 19 1802

Lima I wrote thee on 2d mo 19th I am without any of thy favours & nothing new has transpired relative to the Oil busings until yesterday on my return from the Yearly Meeting. I found the Maria in about 6 hours bringing very disagreeable accts of all thy three Ships — They were all laying at Conception when the Maria left there on 3rd of 4th mo detained by a Spanish Cruizer & likely to be detained until they could hear from Lima which will take a great while, but as the event of Peace will doubtless reach Lima before their papers it is my opinion it may operate favourably to their release — Gardner was early taken on his arrival on the Coast three months before the others Paddock was in at St Marys when the other five were brot in it is his opinion they had recd some information across Land from England as he was told before he saw them when on shore that they knew the situation of those Ships, of this he advertised them & gave them the Spanish Consuls Certificate I sent out by him. The Ann had 1300 bbs Wareham 1200 & Pr Eliza 200; Gwinn was only waiting for 60 Bbs more to leave the Coast — it is a very unfortunate event for which I feel very anxious & sorry. if they are released it will make a tedious detention & Loss — On their Oil, I had in 3d mo insurance made on the Ann 9000 & Wareham 7000 Dollars at 7 p Ct done in this Town they required in Boston doing it under 8, could I make an abandonment to the writers I should wish to do it; but doubt my being able to do it. I shall however take advice thereupon — the Maria has about 900 Bbs, & a small Vessell in this way has 160 Bbs. if I can obtain these five parcels at my Limits I shall do it. but the late small Cargoes at Nantucket have sold higher. I hope to gain some further information & shall give thee the earliest account thereof but there

are only three other Ships expected to Nantucket this Season — Should they get released I presume Jenkins will make the best of his way home & I wish thou may see him before thou receives this — I am &c

6 mo 19 1802

Louis De Bauque

Thy two favours of 7th march & 1st of April inclosed by Capt Moores under date 28 & 30 April did not reach this place until yesterday the Contents I duly observe & shall as speedily as possible procure a good Ship conformable to thine & Capt Moores instructions also provide the articles he has requested & fit up with Slaves & dispatch her for Dunkirk valuing upon thy Friends Robert Grant & Co London for reimbursement — I much doubt being able to procure any whale Oil as it is now not to be purchased under 27 £ ℔ — Thou may rely upon my strictest attention to your interest in the execution of this Order & that it shall engage my best abilities equal to my own concerns — Good Ships have very much fallen but are yet higher than was apprehended would be the case on the event of peace — I am &c —

6 mo 21

Samuel R Fisher

Thy two obliging favours of 2d & 11th inst came duly to hand and one also from Capt Barney informing the grounds of his preferring to sell the Ship which I at present approve & hope may turn out well the Notes I wish your House to retain for collection and as I have directions to pay J Warder & son 3000 $ on account of half the Ship if Barney agreed on the price for Cash I should like to have the first Note discounted & the $ 3000 paid & I shall request Grellet & Bell to remit about 400 $ they have in hand to S & M T. thy attention hereto will oblige me — the Feathers are recd & to thy Ct I am &c

6 mo 21, 1802

Grellet & Bell

Have reached home on the 18th instant I found my family & friends favoured with health & also found by Letters from Philada that the

Ship I expected was purchased but afterwards
sold by Capt Barney. yet the payments do not one accommodate
the other. I shall therefore be obliged by your remitting
to I & M Fisher Philada about the sum you are in Cash
for my Ac as soon as you can. I Murray informs me
you have paid him for some Books he sent me

Jam to

6 mo 22. 1802

Respected friends

Js Rowland & Co

Agreeable to request of your JR
I now inclose you Wm Sholwells draft on me which I perceive
no prospect of payment from his sources in the Quarter
I did not reach home until the 18th Inst. or should have
forwarded it earlier, Dan to

6 mo 22 1802

John Warder Son

your obliging favours of 2d & 3rd
Inst I read at Newport where I met with Jn Tabers from
Portland & with him I have settled the Business relative to
the Ship Cornelia & have his orders in behalf of J M Lellan & Co
to remit you 3000 $ due to you on 24th Inst all the the knowledge
of this did not reach me in season to do it by that time
per I wrote I & M Fisher via N York for packet which
sailed yesterday & requested they would make you that Payment
This evening mail brot me your letter of 17th. if Capt
Barney has promised you any thing that he has not
complied with I am certainly deceived in his Character
having long been acquainted with him I have ever
found him a man of truth & in the present case must warrant
untill I see her before I alter my opinion but this I can
assure you if you have any demand upon him for your
Commission for selling the Cornelia you have more upon
me & I shall have nothing to do in the business

since I am now quite clear of it & do not think myself obliged by the Ship being sold. I am &c

Minturn & Barker Bmo 25. 1802

I duly rec'd yours & have observe you had disposed of most of the Liquors at a price you supposed would cover the cost this I hope is the case and that the residue will also be no loss—

I note your remarks upon the Hector the price $11000 will be higher than we gave for the Diana indeed $10000 will be about the same price and as she is not calculated exactly to suit—I do not like to go higher—if you can buy her for 10,000 $ I wish do it for 1 pr Cent & if I send an Bill of exchange to pay for her & what I expect negociated at 7 pr Cr I leave you at liberty to do it—this will give you $150 for doing that part of the business—and the probability is in favr of yr having a further commission either on a 1st Voy obtained or a Cargo of Lumber—if I can get Barney on board & think it wise to go higher will inform you thereof—Mean time please inform me by first post or packet if you will execute the order on the terms proposed— I am &c

Benjamin Rotch in addition 6mo 28th

Confirming the foregoing Triplicate of my last I have only to add that I have purchased the Oil from those two Vessels for thy Acct about 80 Tons in the Whole @ $200 pr Ton conditioned with Brother Rodman that if thy Limits hereafter should the price for any of the Cargoes now in view be benefitted thereby making reasonable allowance for the Warm Weather & Leakage, A small Ship is expected from the West Indies reported to have

400 Bbls. but as the owners Seth Russell & Sons & Shade Swain are about establishing a manufactory I fear I shall not be able to obtain it five or three small Vessels are also expected, Having now begun the purchase I shall be looking out for a Ship & Master I shall soon be under necessity of drawing for Payment for this Oil, but I shall do it as sparingly as I can I am &c

6 mo 29 1802

James Barker I have Abrahams instructions to have 5,000 $ insured for him upon Skins & on board the Ship America Capt Stone or from St Petersburg to her Port of Discharge in the UStates with Liberty to stop at Tompaulin Cove for Orders the Ship he says is in very fine Order 18 mos old 16 men 280 Tons I Hicks told me he thought it would be done for 2 p Ct I was asked by the Washington Comp'y in Providence 2¾ but I now leave it to them to fix the Prm & have the insurance made for thy brothers Acct. I am &c

6 mo 26, 1802

William Stafford Junr

Early in the Spring I was informed of the Decease of the Widow of John Goodburys & have since found that pursuant to John's Will the Monthly Meeting appointed John Wilbur & Thos Perry to sell the Farm which they have done for Twelve Hundred Dollars, half down & half in 25th of 3rd mo 1803 with Interest out of the first payment of $600 they have reserved 12 Ds to be left in the Will for repairing four Meeting Houses & the expence of the Sales & paid me last week 522 $ 67/100 In Order to make remittances to the heirs as early as may be, I have taken of J Hazard Jr a bill in thy favour on S Duckar & Co London, Debited the Heirs for 116 £ Sg Debited the Heirs in the Sum of Dollars 315.33 Something I have some prospect of gaining by Compromising with the Administrators which

I hope will be accomplished by the time of the next payment — Please to acknowledge the receipt of this Bill

I am &c

7 mo 2. 1802

Jon.a Hastings

Thine of 31 reached me too late to return an ans.r by this days mail & to accommodate it now I see no way ~~[illegible]~~ that will answer thy purpose unless my fr.d J Bradley will pay the above order for 409$ for my Acct, being the amo thou inclosd me in Nantucket Bills, my situation is such just now that I see no prospect of accommodating any exchange for the present as I have now to send this Money on to the Island & get it exchanged & returned, when circumstances are more favourable shall give thee Notice I am &c

Wm Bartlett Esqr

7 mo 6 1802

The cordialities I have heretofore recd from thee encourages me again to solicit another favour — My Friend A Barker lately my partner in trade has chartered the Ship America Capt Isaac Stone of your port to load at St Petersburg for his & my own Acct to deliver her Cargo to my order either here New York or Boston — who the Owners of the America are I am unacquainted & wish to know of them if she will be for sale & at what price as I have an Order for a Ship of her size & am in expectation of ordering the Ship for New York unless knowing their terms on being the Ship I should purchase her in this case it might determine me to stop her here & send her Cargo on to N.Yk. — I have to request thy communicating the purport of this to the Owner & request him to write me upon the subject — thy attention hereto will increase the obligations of thy respectful friend — D Barker went out in the America from Rotterdam wrote me 26th 4th mo then under way from Helvoetsluys with a fair wind, I am &c

7mo 6. 1802

James Barker

I expect thy engagements with our friends has prevented thy acknowledging my letter requesting $5000 insurance for Abm at & from St Petersburg to her port of discharge in the United States with liberty to stop at Sampson Cove for Orders I wish now liberty for her to stop at this river for Orders as I find by Abms last letter he has ordered her if she meets no letters from me to anchor below Palmers Island It is yet uncertain where I shall order her but probably to Newyork, thy attention hereto will oblige me

The Ship America Isaac Stone Mr. I am &c

To Messrs Barker 7mo 7. 1802

I have now to acknowledge the rect of yours 26 Ult & 2d inst in the former I note your having sold the 4 bales Shetting — your last informs me that $10.000 will not fetch the Heston, I cannot at present go to $11.000 but think I should go to $10.500, but as all I get for the purchase will be a Commission of 2½ pC I am willing to divide it with you & even give you more than half, but unless it is your choice to do it upon those terms I had rather want to purchase one myself, but since I have given you so much trouble in the business I will give 1/4 for the purchase & ½ pC for negociating exchange for the payment. & do not wish you to do it to oblige me. but consult your own interest - If I can get nothing myself for the business I had rather omit doing it. —

Please give me the earliest information & I expect soon to go to Boston & the Eastward & if I have

to purchase a Ship myself, I shall wish to do it on that journey, please also to say what is the course of Exchange & if easily negociated for Cash at this time.

I am —

please send a Sample of Brittanias

7mo 7. 1802

Doctr Saml H. Lee

Anxious to have the business between thee & Milcrea & Allen settled I again solicit thy attention thereto & information if the person who took the Box of instruments finds they will answer for him — I think I requested thee to tell me the price he would be willing to give & I would decide if he should have it — I shall be obliged by thy sending me a Copy of thy Acct with them as it now stands that I may know what is now due them. I am &c 7mo 10 1802

Andrew E. Dorr

I rec'd of yesterday with the Cashiers receipt for $3125-4/100 to the Cr of our Collector it just read which I have sent to take up thy bond & shall inclose it with one paid on 8th of 1st mo last for $275 51/100 if any others have come into my hands & not sent thee I will thank thee to inform thee & I will seek them I am &c 7mo 12. 1802

Jos Ramsdell

I am in want of 2 or 3 thousand feet of good Whaling Oars if thou hast them on hand shall like to have them sent by the first conveyance. I trust thou will put this quantity at thy lowest Cash price I expect shortly some Sheetings & Russia Beds & have yet a few half & Quarter Chests B Tea which shall be glad to send thee if wanted. Sam'l C

Minturn & Barker

York 16, 1802

your favor of 13th reached me yesterday morning & by last evenings mail one of 8th & one supposed of the 12 I very much regret that any interferance of G.W. put the business of the Elector out of its proper train & I am at a loss to conjecture why he should do any thing in it unless he had positively found you declined doing the business on the terms I had offered it being only upon that event that I requested him to make the enquiry & I observe all your letters are silent as to the subject of acceding to the terms however strange this procedure appears to me since Geo has not explained his motives our requested my judgment suspended until I see him it seems proper I should wait that event: in mean time you may be assured I had not the least design to attempt reeking to save the Comm[issio]n I offered you & if I could not have saved half to myself I had rather not have purchased either. I note your Offer of Whale Oil @ 45 ℔ deld on board, but having orders for 100 Tons limited @ £19 ℔ ton. I have despaired of executing them that with giving up my com[missio]n would with all charges & Insurance bring it to no more than 35 ℔ ℔. I hear it is now ~~worse~~ 100 ℔ at the Islands. My directions were to sheath the Ship with half inch Boards if this can be done on reasonable terms & with you to have it done but recommend your making a contract for it. Our Carpenters ask for sheathing where we find the Boards Nails Paper & Tar (& graving the Ship afterwards) 50 ℔ ℔ Ton they paying all other expences but if it cant be done with it such it must be omitted can you purchase 5 or 6 feet cedar boat boards & 3000 feet good Bar Rafters if so you may put them on board & also 5 Hhds good Molasses & if no prospect of a low freight

my orders are to fill her with best white Oak
Hhd staves with a small proportion of Pipe & Bbl
I shall send on one thousand Iron pots & some other
small matters. for conclusion see below

7mo 17 1802

Robert Grant & Co

Our mutual frend Lewis DeBaugue
of Dunkirk have given me orders to purchase a Ship
& load her for Dunkirk informs me that he has lodged
a Credit with you for my reimbursement & has requested
you to accept my bills for the amt I have just closed
the purchase of a New Ship the Hector at New York
abt 301 Tons burthen by virtue of that Order conditioned
to pay in my bills on you £10,500 one half at 60 & the
other half at 120 days sight for which payment I have
drawn in favr J Rowland one set of Exchange dated 7mo 15 1802

	No 1.	300
one ditto	16 D 2.	300
one ditto	15 D 120 3.	500
one D.	16 D 4.	500
one ditto	17. 20 5.	362-10
	£	2362 10

to which bills I request you will give due honor & place them
to our frend. as the Cargo of the Ship will be principally
Lumber. I do not expect to have occasion to draw as much more
unless I should execute a further order for another Ship which
is left conditionally with me. My particular frends & Corres-
pondents in London are J D & Co to whom you can apply
in case of need. Yours &c

M & B in Continuation 7mo 16

I Roaman & self have in view to send a few
Boxes of Indigo perhaps the drawback upon the Molasses may
be saved by putting it in with the Indigo. Since going thus
far we are offered 20 Tons Oil now in New York @ 100 $ P Ton
& having liberty from my friends to ship 60 or 80 Tons
of Whale Oil at a price I might think proper if I would
take half concern in it I think if you could deliver

the quantity you have (not to exceed 80 Tons) as you propose on board well full bound at $100 I will venture to take it paying you by your selling Exchange on London & charging me half pct thereon (bills at 60 ds) the arrivals of late at Nantucket has lowered the price from 40 to 30 £ and more Ships being expected a further Reduction may be looked for

The Lydia arrived at this Port I am favord with yours of 14th & am much obliged by yr care for C & B I hope to rec my letter this evg as the Hector will want 1 or more anchors if I recollect right / I wish you not to purchase yet, C & B had in view to the same for Rambey — I wish you to keep me advised of the market for Hemp Duck & Iron as it is probable you may sell same for me if it arrives in season — I do not think the Jr you mention an object unless for the Hector amts yr bill in fair P Cent for the Gal — pay me abt $700 & I doubt not it would please / mo 16 1802

Geo Howland

Thy two Letters of 12 & 13 reached me yesterday by which I note the terms on which the Hector is purchased I much regret there should be any misunderstand between thee & M & B on the busines. I hope thou understood me that I did not expect thy interferance unless they had declined purchasing on the terms I had offered them & has done me the justice to inform them so, that no disposition was in me to countenance their Interest under this impression I shall rest the matter until mo must agreable to thy request I now inclose the bills as at foot preferring to put the periods of payment as first contracted as it may be an accommodation to my friends I have wrote M & B fully relative to the Ship & Cargo — I am not yet determined relative to a Ship Master if Paddock does not go perhaps it may not interfere with any of my arrangements for Capt Rawson to take her of which thou may inform him & Capt Perry both of them having written me

7mo 16 1802

Lewis De Baugue

Craving reference to my last respects the 19th Ult I have now the pleasure of informing thee that I have succeeded in purchasing a New Ship for thine & Capt Moores' Order called the Hector at Newyork Registered 313 Tons for 10,500 $ which I think from her construction will sail well & will prove acceptable to you & for payment thereof have drawn on thy friends Robert Grant & Co 1,000 £ stg at 60 days One thous. Do at 120 D & 362.10 D 90 dt all in favr of G Howland (who was apprenticeship with me having just expired is attending the purchase now at Newyork) & some Cargoes of Oil have arrived & find the price is fallg & if I can get 60 or 80 Tons dctd at Newyork for $100 P Ton think I shall ship that Quantity agreeable to thy Liberty jointly on thine & my own Acct & shall forward the boats &c that Capt Moores has ordered as speedily as possible but so many Ships are now engaging in the Fishery from this Country & going to France under the encouragement from your Government that it is with much difficulty they can be procured all that can be done to forward them has been done & I hope the Hector will be ready in one month. I have not yet found a master but have no doubt of procuring one not having known of the purchase of the Ship until yesterday - I am &c

7mo 18 Day

Isaac Hicks

Thy acceptable letter of the 10th is before me & am obliged for thy information both with respect to the Debentures & the state of the Hemp Market And as in the latter case there does not appear a probability of a speedy sale I do not think it will for our interest

to order the Ship to New york. Our Hope Wath
are now bare & we shall want a part immediately & am
not at Liberty to take a part out & send the Ship on with the
residue — and shall probably have opp^y to send on 100 or
120 Tons at a time if thou can sell it of which shall begin
of thy prospect when the Ship arrives, I hear thou has sold
the Herkimer. I hope is in want of such a Ship — On the 13^th
I drew on the for 1900 ℔ in favr Christ Coffin which request
thy acceptance, if the Sales of the German Goods are com
plated shall be glad to receive them & also acct of Draffts
bills of Exchange I want to send thee a thousand Pounds
Exchange on London to sell for me & shall be pleased
to know the Demand & course of exchange at this time

I am &c

7^mo 17 1802

Thomas Gould

Thy obliging favour of the 2^nd Inst
rec^d but having no more Oil on hand nor knowing
of any of the Quality sent in the Spring have concluded
to send 400 Gls of Straina Body Oil which for use in
warm weather is equal to that prest for Head Matter
Of this we had only 1 Cask ready 128 Gls when Capt Akin
Called which hope will serve until he goes again
when I shall endeavour to forward the residue I am &c

7^mo 24 1802

James Andrews

My friends Wills & Co^y wrote me
from Amst^m (which I did not receive until last post)
in duplicate they have shipt me a small box of Laces
& Threads by the Ship Rachel Capt Olivier who
I observe arrived more than a month since —

consigned they say to thee. I shall be much obliged by thy information if any such box marked WR has reached thee by that Ship — their invoice describes the Lace in a small package also marked WR but I do not comprehend by it whether it is in the box or a second package — the Cost of the thread is Guilders 216 : 15 - ℔ of the Lace £89.14 - if recd & can be forwarded me either by the Stage (if small) or by some Vessell I shall be obliged. & thy bill for ℔ & duty & I will remit the amount

I am &c

7mo 24 1802

Benjn Paddock

My brother has proposed to thee thy going in the Hector belonging to Capt Moores My orders do not specify any particular Lay but should feel myself justified in giving thee any Lay that in similar circumstances have been given where the Capt had nothing to do with manning the Ship if thou knows what has been given in N York I shall be glad to be informed as also what thou will go for also if thou knows of a suitable Mate — I am &c

7mo 24 . 1802

John G Ladd

Thy several favr by the Dorcilla came safe to hand & with regret I observe the small prospect of the sale of the goods sent thee — The Amt of the Invoice & that vessel & thy Ld Thy consignment came to hand in my absence on a journey to Phia & before my return was sold, and altho' at a low rate yet I believe it was the best that could be done — the Sales are ampel

upon $ to thy C and will who
will be paid on their orders at Newport
Inquiry for the revival of my Market
Town L

7 mo 27. 1802

Brazer & Davis

I am obliged by your favor of the
9th & should more early have replied thereto but have
waited the bearer Isaiah Bluffays going to Boston to see
the Ship as he has in view to purchase one & before your
letter came to hand one was purchased for me in Boston
Should Capt Bluffay like your Ship & agree for her
I may inform you relative to his responsibility that
my confidence is such in him & his connections that
if I had a Ship of that Value to sell I should have
no hesitation to accept his bills in payment without
endorser — I am &c.

7 mo 27 1802

Josiah Bradlee

I duly recd thy letter with Acct
Current & the absence of my book keeper has prevented
it being closed on my books until this day it is now
revised & herewith sent — I am obliged by thy liberty to
draw $1755 - $409 to Hastings & $500 to E Pope Esqr I have
already drawn & have a large bond to pay & noting two
other Sales due past in this Mo which I hope are received
I am under necessity of drawing this day in favor of E Pope
Esqr for $1400 — and as I am expecting some remittances
shortly from Philada if those Sales are not collected I can
replace it — I shall be obliged by thy information of the
State of the Hemp Market with you hoping shortly

to have a Ship in — My friend the bearer Isaiah Hafsey the bearer of this may have some business that may require thy afsistance I recommend him to thy notice & afsistance if necessary. I am &c —

Mr Baker

June 30

My last of my mail & the Fame this mo: I have y^e^ receivd just of 2d & 27th note the contents & am glad the Letter will be sheathed — the terms for that and loading I do not think very high for 1 Y — I am also pleased to find y^e^ can procure Boat hooks as they are very scarce here the B Iron to be shipt forward as speedily as can be as my p^r^ have limited me to 1 Y in the purchase of oil and only allowed the excess of my judgment beyond that, on consideration of taking Jr with them I do not think I can exceed $100 I decline the purchase, should any part of the quantity you have on hand be offerd while the Letter is loading I dare still be willing to do it —

I am glad Capt Rawson has the care of the Ship perhaps he may get to sea in her — but I want to know his terms as also what they have gone for, for perhaps if it can be known, he will have nothing to do with my Ship

I shall enquire if J Smith has had experience enough for mate, but I doubt it. perhaps he will do for 2d mate —

I am &

Josiah Bradlee 8 mo 5. 1802

Thy favr of 26 & 30 July are duly rec'd and I am much obliged by the information given me in them the Ameria Capt Stone I shall look for in about 2 weeks from Russia when she arrives and has any advice from Nantucket and will give me the time may probable I will ask at the same and perhaps may find some of Boston if it hurt up — I shall be obliged by thy paying Jonny Andrews 22.50 charges on a small case of laces from Amsterdam — mine the case and send to me by Capt Myrick or other island coaster — I was charged $5 for carting up & down & weighing the 2 Tons of Hemp at Nantucket, but not seeing it charged to me D. pray I have not done it —

I am &c —

Arnold Wells Jr 8 mo 5. 1802

I am in want of $10,000 insurance on Hemp for St. Petersburg by this port & the America of Newburyport Capt Stone (a good ship abt 280 Tons) she had just arrived when the Alert sailed, & I expect did not sail before 10th or 15th of 6th mo, presuming those will have it done upon equal terms as if I was present — I request those will have it made if the premium does not exceed 3 pr Ct — I was offerd it at Providence at 2 3/4 — Having had expectation of being in Boston this week — I have delayed writing it before & cannot now go till after next week —

I am &c

8 mo 5. 1802

Peter Roe Dalton

I have the pleasure of inclosing G Simpson's Check upon U S B Boston in my favr for $1928.40 which please to post Dr my Credit

Sam Le —

8 mo 5, 1802

James Andrews

I am obliged by thy favr of 28th ult and am glad to find the box of Goods has arrived & they cost for the expenses thereon say $22.50 I shall request J Bradlee to reimburse thee, and request thee will deliver the box to him who will forward it to me when a conveyance presents

I am at a loss what the omitted bill for the Minerva could be for as Capt Brighteman was only one night in Boston and thirty hhd bt only 1 Pr Buy which were bill in the bill I wish thee to find me a copy of the bill and if right I will remit the amot Sam Le

William Burroughs 8 mo 5. 1802

Thine of 26th ult is duly rec'd and am glad to find the oil sold so readily we have now put on board

Hill 10 Bbls grazing as at foot, same quality which hope will likewise find a speedy sale — I think we can now keep thee supplied — I expect to be in Newport next 2d or 3 day with my br Silas Taber and wish thee to mention to W Nichols

&c &c

I am &c

Doct Charles Jarvis

New Bedford 8 mo 10 1802

It is with much regret I have felt myself obliged to urge again the settlement of thine & brothers note to my Uncle JR as thou will see by the anexed extract from his letter of 28th Apl I am no longer left to the exercise of my own feelings in the busines. it was after I had converved with thy brother in Boston that I wrote him to which he allud- And I cannot but hope thou will immedi- -ately attend to the settlement, as to comply with his orders will again put my feelings to the Test — but I do not feel myself at liberty to depart from them — I expect to be in Boston next week & hope to receive thy Assurances that the busines shall be then settled. ——— I am &c ———

Peter Roe Dalton

~~Geo Simpson~~ 8 mo 10 . 1802

I am much obliged by thy favr of 7 & now further crave thy trust & bring &c the inclosed check from G Simpson dated aug 5 for $2568.80

I am &c

Wm Collins 8 mo 10 .

Thine of yesterday is rec & I now inclose my note for the prem upon the Policy sent me Time &

I have concluded
to give Capt Rawson the offer of the Hetta
and the following terms viz $100
an discharg the Sh in Dunkirk in lieu of
all ways board or part pay and on the
Wh voyage from Dunkirk to have ¼
for his share or give him on the
future Wh voyage ⅕ the Sh to have
no expense for ways board &c at New
York & her discharge in Dunkirk
for a good mate ⅓ is or ever the
usual lay each I think right to give
a very experienced man a 2d mate abt
⅓ but if different lays have been given
in like circumstances shall be willg
& ~~so higher~~ conform to custom but
not to go higher for a mate — I wish
you to insure the Sh with a suffic
quantity of spun tarnetts & spare spun
together with 50 or 100 Spare jiggs suitable
for boat masts spare handles &c &
that the same to be discharged in Dunkirk
two Boatsmen might be employed for a
Wh voyage provided they will go on
seamens wages & agree with a custom
House with Capt Maury — I wish
you to represent the true situation
of Capt Maury to the collector and if
possible prevail upon him to ground
a Register if he will do it I shall
be glad to have it in season for G H & Co on
& take it out if you cannot devise

any manner to avoid it — if this 219
cannot be clear she must go with a
certificate ——— I am &c ———

Obed & A. Michel. New Bedford 8mo 10, 1802

Your letter of the 8th I have this
day received & note the contents and congratulate you
on the success of your Ship Brothers, If you should
determine on the sale of her Cargo, and will fix
the quantity, and your price, with terms of payment
you may depend upon a speedy answer ———
I am &c ———

Amos F. Junkin 8mo 16. 1802

By D.S I send thy two
last bonds cancelled by mornings post
Winter & Thyng — I am &c —

Respected Friend 8mo 16. 1802
Peter Roe Dallon

I am again obliged by thy favour
of the 12th & have also to inclose Thee Geo Simpsons
Cashiers draft on your Office of the 7th Inst. in favr
S & M Fisher endorsed to me for fifteen hundred
seventeen Dollars 34/100. Which please to pass to my
Credit — I am &c

Thomas Dickason & Co. 8mo 17. 1802

Your returned favr of 5 May
came duly to hand & I am much obliged
by thy kind attention to my interest in
the Petersburg plan — My last letter from
A B was up to 5 mo 18 when the

America was nearly ready for her Cargo but the price of the products of Russia were very high & I have no expectation of much profit this season

I hope that on rect of my letter of 4 mos you were enabled to regulate my acct wholly I expected to my Cr upwards of £4400 — £2000 of this I hoped would be all that would be required for the A's Cargo & leave £400 still to my Cr under this presumption I have had occasion to draw upon yr several bills amounting together as at foot to £334.9.3 which request you will honor & place to my Dr but if it does not appear clear to you, you may place them to my Cr Bond Acct as I have purchased for him nearly 100 Tons Hair & am in much advance therefor, but deem it proper to postpone drawing thereon as long as in my power in hopes of hearing the event of his 3 Ships detained in So America but have gained no intelligence of them since I wrote him in Dec: last — I cannot calculate for their condemnation at present but if that should be the case, on rect of the insurance I shall have a very large sum on this side the water — under these circumstances I trust you will defer drawing as long as I can command my own funds to keep up my payments on his Acct which I hope will be until I purchase for him as the ships I mean to do as early

as I can command a cargo of oil 221
and this I hope within 2 mos I be able
to effect — I hope soon to receive the bonds
for the Barclay as I shall look for her
after next month before she passed the
C. Good Hope I heard of her with upwards
of 60 Tons — In Spring abt 3 mo: and
a 30 days St Yours &c

1	Thomas Nicholson		£97.16.6	
2	Joseph Jacob Haslam & Son		156.4.3	
3	John Burstall Jr.		65.3.4	
4	Geo: & Wm Penrose		11.12.6	
5	Geo Harrison		3.12.8	£334.9.3

18, PS — having received from Rowland
Harad a letter to G W Erving the present
American agent, explanatory of his claim
on the Ship America Brown & property in the
Harmony Packet, I take the liberty to inclose
sd letter to you requesting your perusal to
expect the subject as if mind themselves
& claiming it, and shall be much obliged
by yr attending to the business when you
can afford any assistance in bringing it
to a close — Harad misfortune renders
it an object of importance to him, and
altho' I am secured by mortgage on real
property yet I shall be pleased to have
an advantageous occasion of discharging
the same — Yours &c

Minturn & Barker 8 mo 21, 1802

Yours of 13 & 16 Inst 2 nos

by last mail & am glad to find of are like to succeed in obtg a Register for the Ht of this I hope to confirmed by this evg post — I have sent to Capt for a mate & 2d mate who I hope will be here by the Sail'g of the Fame who waits till 3d any to take the boats &c for the Ch: — I wish you could get a satisfactory price for the oil — but having made up my mind I should really prefer not having a vessel sent at the price I limited you — I never did & am determined never to ship a Bbl of Wh oil above that price to Europe unless a higher price than I have ever known should be obtained there — J Barker writes it may now be bought at from £28 to 29 ₩ Ton — you are still at liberty to go to the quay provided kept — hope it will not be so with — I wish you to furnish the necessary provisions & Stores for the Ht to Dunkirk and request Capt Rawson not to buy out a single Dollar that he can avoid till he gets to Dunkirk

As soon as we can ascertain the Quantity of Stores please send on the Oil & the bounds with as very thing you Sh as compact as may the amot of expences that we can ascertain that I may forward bills to reimburse you — & that I may compleat my Invoices & Sales

Thomas Dickason & Co. Dec 20. 1802
PS to last

Having purchased a Bh
by the orders of Capt W Mowry & L De Bauque
& by the orders of the latter drawn on
Robert Grant & Co under date 7 mo 15 - for
— £500 at 60 days & £500 at 120 days
7mo 16 £500 — 60 days £500 at 120 days
17 £362.10 at 90 days in all £2362.10
all in fav G Haviland — I have this
day rec'd a letter fm De Bauque of may 9
& my br Ben 5 mo 15 ordering them &
future bills upon Capt Mowry, Bodies to be drawn
on you — as it is not in my power to
obtain them bills they being sold in
N York & solicit of advertising R Grant
& Co that on the appearance of them you
will honor them & when pd please
Jr as p my br advice & his rec'd & the
other Jr to rec'd of L De Bauque of Dunkirk
I shall write on to N York & shall add
to the bills if not your forward, or T. D. & Co
I and &

Minturn Barker Dec 21. 1802
PS blast

I am now fav'd with
yr's of 18 & note the contents & observations
on the Register which I have from hand
obtained the offices for that th: shall
determine respg her coming here in
meantime wish the Saltan Ble shd
as they must come fm N Y were
being obtainable here —

I think if Jfh told me N Tal-
bird not disposed of the bills sent him
in payment for the St. if you know
of any of them beg in N Y I shall
be much obliged by if requesting the
holders to add to the direction or
T D & Co — as I have this only in-
order to draw an Atorn in favour
D K Lyle & Co I have written to T D & Co
advising of those bills & requested
them to take them up — & my letter
of advice I mentioned them as my
correspondents & requested them to
apply there in case of need — that I
presume the bills will not be returned
under K Lyle & Co should take some offence
at the business beg taken out of their
hands — Yet if N S will give this
notice to the remitters of the bills
their mentioning it to their correspondent
will make it perfectly safe — I regret
giving this trouble — but have no doubt
of yr obliging them N & D —

Brothers De Bauque 8 mo 20. 1802

This days mail has brt
me yr esteemed favr of Apl 7. & may 12 & am
disappointed in finding by Capt Hussey that
by the Phebe he has not forwarded his acct
relative to Sh: Suffolks — he however says that
affr cannot be settled unless he should be on
the spot — & that in the Sh: Jefferson he

has just purchased, it is his intention to go to Dunkirk when he will be married to Jane Ann Thompson — The Public Sale will be at Fredonia — I am obliged by your information relative to Capt Thomson, his son Jane and same are for his agent in London

Bills of all kinds continue high in this country 60 days at $100 Sight $200 Hd Jn $300 —

I am &c ——

8 mo 23, 1802

Isaac Hicks

Thine of 6th I duly rec'd & collected of D H & J by they order 524.99 D thy 6th — I have since D Capt Bates & expect he will send me the little balance of $8.76 — The acct of the estate of S B have presented D L (his widow so long a delay of its coming forward seems neither to disappoint her, but as the proceeds not fall due until a little upon his death, it is reconciled to me — I expect that in they settlement with T H there had not ch'd the balance D him as agent it would then have appeared right & the money was always ready — that I think the charge of Interest weighs heavier on his mind — he being a very careful man not D be in debt — I wrote of the com'rs to examine claims on his estate — but as the Acct has never yet been exhibited D us — I have this day given Z Kelly a draft on thee for $252 at 60 days sight — I do not mean D overdraw, but am not certain my calculations are correct — not having rec'd as yet Goods I sent

Lewis De Baugue Dec 23, 1802

Since my last dil-
=igence has been used in shipg & loadg
the Sh Hector - I hope on the arrival of
the packet who takes this & with it the
residue of the Boats, harpoon Irons &c
Harness &c ordered by Capt Moore she will
be ready to sail — Capt Abel Rawson
is shipd to her as Mr for the season
I know of him he is the best man that
can be procured & hope it will be his study
& ambition to merit the confidence of those
concerned he has attended to the Sh: ever
since she was purchased & conducts her
to Dunkirk and during her discharg there
without any expence to the Sh for his
services for a Share of 1/8 of the future Wh
Voyage — he knows not how successful
in procuring a mate & 2d Do but hope to
procure them at New London to meet My Lord
the Sh is ready - find no probability of
procuring the Wh oil at Capt Moore Cannot
say £16 Stg the will be principly loaded
with Staves — I believe every thing will
be sent in the Sh — ordered by Capt Moore
except the oars which for the great number
of demand this season are not to be had of the
manufacturers the Whalemen prefer shall
order only enough for this Sh: picked up
in N York I hope to procure the residue
to send in the Jefferson a Sh: I Hussey
has left & expected here this week — Thy
letter of May 9 with addition for my br
15 th I did not receive till the night
before last the (20) wherein I am ordered
to value on account for T D & Co instead of
Rlgrant & Co in mine of 16 th that part

informe of my having drawn on the latter hour £2362.10 in payment for the Hector - I hope provision will be made for those ~~bills~~ bills to meet due honor - I have written by the returning mail to T D & C advising of those bills & requesting them to take them up & likewise advised the remittance of those bills to order their frd to call on ~~T D & C~~ them in preference D K Grant & Co - my br has extended the limits of W Oil 100 Tons say £20-10 as it is now down to £22.10 the proba= =bility is that if I procure another Ship I shall be able to procure it — if I do not meet the amt of the Stores Cedar Boards Molasses & for N York with the amt of expences on the Hector I shall request my frd M & Bacher to inclose them to you — Difficulties have arisen in N York relative to granting a Register in the name of W Moore, under our new administration much nicety has been observed & many circumstances been made an suspicion of concealed property which induced the Officers to be more jealous & vigilent — I have stated every thing in my power respecting Capt Moores residence last winter in the US his family being here & the final determination was not announced in my N Y at my last date - I shall regret that this be must go with a Certificate with a presumption that it is contrary to the ~~to~~ expectations of the community

My the H — I shall Ship as usual Manilla Indigo as P Invoice inclosed

which hope there will be able to see to advantage — my Br Robinson sends also a Lawyer passed in same Ship — From a prospect of obtaining 60 or 80 Tons of oil put on board the Hector, I had concluded to take Jr on my own Acct & the other Jr on Acct of the owners but as the prospect failed & only 20.3.12 was purchased at that time I think it best to place the whole to Acct of the owners charging no comn for purchasing & only ~~2½ p Cr~~ the usual comn for negociating the bills for the payment not doubting it will be more agreeable to the concerned than for me to be interested in so small a Cgo although it will a little exceed my limits

Cargo agreeable to the expectations of Capt Means & my Br & I shall send back out for another Sh: for the same concern & you may depend upon my attention to serve your interest equally as if it were my own — I am &c

Winton & Barber Bruns 24 1802

By yesterdays mail

I replied to yours of 18 & am now obliged by yr favr of 21st inst pd £ — I am glad to find the business of the Sh- goes on so well that ye have got 25 H of Tobac on Jr & a prospect of more — at Nyt Westerly wind keeping back the packets I have not heard if we are like to have the mails sent us I shall write you in 2 or 3 days hope they will be soon along

I fear thought Blossom would have given up $50 if he had made that more than the job was worth, I should think it equal to make him some allowance but I should feel a little awkward after informing my employer of the contract that I had given away $50 of their money over it my own property I could more readily consent to it but I am glad the shooting has been without the nails would not have cost so much money & I conclude he has not made such a loss — I think not to purchase another Sh: yet, as I fear my Jo will think them too high, should you think the Martha would go for $10,000 should like to have her inventory length of cable &c — I shall please to up 6" 5147 lbs of oil a $100 ₱ ton — I am quite satisfied there is no more — Capt Crosse has left with me a/c/ Promissory/ which shall give up to up ₱ B when I see him

I want to send your bill for sale to cover the payment for the oil Stores, & all the Stores disbursements upon the Hector as soon as you can ascertain it — as when you wish send an some in partial payments — By Capt Tabor I have sent 2 Boxes of Indigo as ₱ enclosed invoice to go on board the H — I crave your attention in daily the medical at the C — house, & R — send a large quantity — please forward back the certificate to cancel Capt Cs — bond which fail due next mo: — if you should not hear from me when the Hector is ready I wish not to delay the Sh: — I go for Boston in the Mary & may not be here when the Mate come — I wish you in this case to make out invoice of all you

have shipd with the ships Acct
adding your comn. the cargo shipd
on Acct of the owners of the Sl — and
inclose the whole to Capt. W Moore
Dunkirk — the Acct you may do nothing
with as I have made an invoice of
that myself — Send me one of the
bills of lading — I request you will
call on P & R for Noah Talcots bill of
sale of the Sh. Sl — & inclose it to
Capt. Wm — Let tell me he left it with
them — I am &c

Jnno 30 1807

Abner Wood

By Last Post I received thy Letter of
25th & note its Contents, not knowing who was the owner
of the America I wrote my friend Wm Bartlett to find the
probability of my purchasing the america I then had
orders from Europe to purchase two ships. I have since
purchasd a fine New Ship in New York 313 Tons for
$10,500 she is now about Sailing & I am looking for the other
If the America should prove agreable to me both in
quality & price it would suit me to purchase her. If
thou could inform me the price it would aid me in
determining immediately on her arrival whether to unload
her here or at Nyork at present I think of discharging
here as I am destitute of Hemp for my own Walk
but as ABarker has also chartered part of a Load of Hemp
should that arrive first shall prefer the America going to
Newyork but at present I cannot fully determine

I am &c

June 23 1802

Louis De Bauque

Since my last diligence has been used in Sheathing & loading the Ship Hector I hope on the arrival of the packet who takes this & with it the residue of the Boats Harpoon Irons, poles lances &c ordered by Capt Moores she will be ready to sail — Capt Abel Bauson is shipd to her as Master, for the Recommendation I have of him he is the best man that can be procured & I hope it will be his ambition to meet the confidence of the concerned, he has attended to the Ship ever since she was purchased & conducts her to Dunkirk & during her discharging there without any expence to the Ship for his services, for a share of one fifteenth of the future Whale Voyage, but have not been so successful in procuring a Mate & 2d Mate but hope to have them shipd at Nantucket in season to reach N York before the Ship is ready — Finding no probability of procuring the Whale Oil at Capt Moores Limits say 19 & 45 she will be principally loaded with Staves — I believe every thing will be sent in the Hector ordered by Capt Moores except the Oars which from the great increase of demand this Season are not to be had of the manufacture the Whalemen prefer, shall order only enough for this Ship picked up in N Y & hope to procure the residue to send in the Jefferson a Ship Isaiah Hussey has bought & expected here this Week — Thy Letter of May 9 with addition for my brother of 15th I did not receive till night before last (21) wherein I ~~have~~ am ordered to value on our Frds T D & C instead of R Grant & Co in mine of 16th Ulto Thou was informed of my having drawn on the latter house £2362.10 in payment for the Hector — I hope provision will be made for those bills to receive due honor

I have written to J Dᵏᵉ & Co by the returning mail advising of those bills & requesting to take them up and otherwise advised the remitters to call upon them in preference to R Grant & Co — my Br has extended the limits for Whale Oil for 100 say 20 £ Stg as it is now £22.10 — the probability is that if I procure another ship I may be able to procure it if I do not receive the accts of the Staves. Cedar Boards Molasses &c from NY with the amo of expenses on the Hector. I shall request my frds Minturn & Barker to inclose them to you — Difficulties have arisen in NYk relative to the granting a Register in the name of Wm Moore: under our new administration much mercy has has been observed See 226

9mo 3d 1802

Louis De Bauque

Confirming the foregoing I have this day recd advice from NYork that the Hector was cleared out and ready for sea on the 31st Ult. the two Mates were shipd at Nantucket. the chief Mate I understand expects 28 $ Pr Month & 1/28 share in the future Voyage & the second Mate subject to what has been customary in similar Voyages Minturn & Barker have doubtless inclosed their Invoice of the Staves. Cedar Boards. Molasses. & Poles. Copy of which I shall annex. the disbursements at Newyork having been under the direction of my said friends. I have not yet recd them. nor do I suppose they could compleat the accts in season to go in the Ship — For providing for the payment of the disbursements & Cargo I shall now draw in favr of M & B at sight £1500 Stg & direct J Dickason & Co to place it to thy Acct & one half to acct of my Br B Roth

I am daily in expectation of meeting with another Ship for acct of the Owners of the Hector & hope to succeed to my own & their satisfaction. but the price of Whale Oil I find contrary to my expectation is advancing. & I do not think it will be in my power to purchase it at the Limits I have rec^d. it is now in Boston £27 ₰ ton & in demand. The interest of the concerned shall be carefully attended to. I am &c

9 mo 3. 1802

Thomas Dickason & Co

Confirming the foregoing triplicate of my last respects I have now to advise you of having further drawn upon you to meet the payment of the Cargo and Disbursements of the Hector for £1500 in three bills £400 £500 £600 all of this date at 60 days on part of Minturn & Barker which I again request you to honour & place ^p to acct of Louis DeBaugue of Dunkirk & the other half to my cr^t Mr Hatch. the Hector Capt Abel Hanson was ready for Sea the 31st Ult. I am &c

9 mo 3 1802

Minturn & Barker

On return^g home yesterday from Pembroke I rec^d your two favrs of 26 & 31 Ult & am glad you prefered deading that the Oil should be Cary^d & also that the mates had arrived & the Hector cleared & hope next to hear of her safe getting to Sea The Copy of the Capts order were not inclosed with the Bills Lading which I receive. I think best to send you on my bill on T D & Co to meet the advances made by you one which hope you will be able to sell without Discount. I Hicks writes me (31) that he has

refused to accept Capt Thacher's $ Bs Exchange — Inclosed you will receive my 3 bills of this date in your favor at 60 days for 400. 500 & 600 £s ~~Stg~~ together 1500 £ ~~Stg~~ when sold you will place to my Cr. Charging me with the Invoice of Staves &c the bill of the Oil & your disbursements for the Ship — & debit your acct Cov & Cuffee Order for $1506 $\frac{68}{100}$ & have Cr the Oil & Invoice of Staves — I conclude the Ship went without a Register I am much obliged by your intention of speaking to Talbot relative to the bills & think my friends will not suffer my bills to be disgraced — as L & Barque was apprized of them at the date they were drawn 16 of 7mo & R Grant & Co also I hope you inclosed the Bill of Sale as desired — I am &c

9mo 3. 1802

Samuel & Mich Fisher

Your several favours of 26th 7mo 5 & 10th Ult came duly to hand Covering Checks on Bank in Boston for $1928..40 $2568..80 & $400 which are placed to your Cr & balances my acct after charging you with the Notes for the Cornelia — I am pleased to find the first Note has been paid & hope the others will be also duly honored It was by some misunderstanding with Br Fisher that he requested the two last Notes discounted as it was my wish for them to remain until they were collected least they should not all be paid & I might have to remit back the Amt I am however under obligation for the kind intention of accommodating me & for your M Fs attention thereto — I find your & R F & family had a very pleasant journey to Hartford which was pleasant to us to hear as they set off on a very warm day — I am &c —

9mo 4. 1802

Isaac Hicks

I am obliged by thy kind letter of 31st Ult & note the Contents. on the subject of thy acct with the Estate of J B Bunker. I unite in sentiment with thee & if the Money left by the Deceased had been accumulating Interest I should not have given thee any hint upon the subject ~~but~~ knowing it to be otherwise and that the money has always been ready & I am glad thou feels easy to give up to the Widow & Children the Interest & hope thou will never feel thyself the poorer for this act of Generosity the balance $80.58 thou will please charge my acct as L B will pay it when I call — Capt Bates says R Jenney had the settlement of the Ship Presidents business & will write thee on the subject of the small balance I expect to sell considerable exchange this fall but am waiting for it to rise when thou writes shall be obliged by thy naming the price — My Rufsia Cargo does not yet arrive — on 30th Ult I gave Jno Alden a draft on thee for $300 which please to pay — I hope not to draw any more ~~on thee~~ until I know how my Ape is — I am &c

9mo 4 1802

Francis Rotch

I have duly recd all thy favors up to 26 June. this last came by last Post & I have written to B Weld relative to the small Boy & requested his bill of the expences which I will pay. when I receive it with thy future explanation shall endeavour to prove the experiment — Jarvis's business is in train & I hope the next will inform thee of its conclusion — Such has been the demand for Whale Boats that I have not been able this three months to find the boat builders ~~unengaged~~ unengaged for ships that wanted them. but I hope by the Jefferson I Expect ~~this~~ now here bound to Dunkirk. I shall be able

to send them two or three, I suppose it may be as Cheap sending them from there to Havre as from here to N York & we have no other conveyance — Capt Proctor arrived in 60 days & handed thy Letter safe he has in view to settle in our neighbourhood — I want to interest thee in the enquiry respecting the partner of the House of Freeman & Nanse formerly of Boston in 1793 they wrote £100 for a neighbour of mine then mate of Ship Penn Obed Fitch Master which was lost by Capture, one of them was lost on his passage to join his partner in France & I want to find if the surviving partner is able to pay it — thy enquiry & information will oblige me — I send to N Y to go in the Hector Stephen Rawson 200 Harpoon poles 100 or the whole for thee as Capt Rawson may determine — I am &c

9 mo 6 1802

Abraham Barker

Thy several favors have all reached me up to Peterburg 6 mo 12 & last post brot me thine of 6 mo 30 referring to others which gave acct of the dangers the America was exposed to, on the receipt thine after those arrived at that place I wrote to Jas for $5000 Insurance which he had done 3 pCt for thy acct I had also on my own acct $10,000 done in Boston at same I have now written to Jas to have $2000 more done on thy Quarter the Americas Cargo & shall also order Insurance for thy Qr the Latonas Cargo, as thou hast proposed & have concluded both Cargos shall be one Qr on thy acct.

Our Rope Walk has been idle much of the Summer not being willing to purchase Hemp while on the decline the prior Cargoes have been mostly or all sold off at $230. I shall be glad to contract at $220 now

As I have a prospect of selling here 25 Tons
& shall want 40 or 50 for the Walk Woburns Cargo
will not answer for our supply & I think I shall be able
to do as well with it by discharging the ship here & resh-
ing it & the Iron & other articles will be wanted here
I am glad thou sends 150 pr Duck although it will
be wanted & must fetch a price that will answer
I hope in a week the America will be here as Capt
Bickford arrived on the 2nd Inst the winds have been to
the westward most of the time since, I am glad we are
like to have some come our at a lower price. It was my
hope that would detain the ship for the hemp to fast
I hope to buy the America for L D Bangue Capt
Moores & having orders for two & have purchased one a
new Ship Hector at Newyork 313 Tons for $10,500. Abel
Rawson M^r has just sailed loaded chiefly with Staves
M & B have done their business ~~I have~~ they are now about
dissolving, Jonas going into the Flour trade. & Jacob continue
ing in the Comm^n business, I have bought for Benj^a abt
100 Tons Sperm Oil at $200 all that has come in here & as
the Island has gone at that, I am only waiting to hear from
him to purchase a Ship to load this fall. he having some
prospect of allowing me to buy one built since 1798
The Barclay had 500 Bbls half Whale before she passed the
Cape of Good Hope that I hope she will be in in time to
make up the Cargo but he has now reduced his Limits to
Lat 40 Lat 42 G Barney & myself have taken much pains
last Spring to buy a Ship for a Skin Voyage in which it
was my intention to offer Thee ¼ but meeting many disappoint-
ments I gave him up to go ~~on~~ ½ Rufus to take the Hanover & he has sailed on

same plan — Benjn Rhea Ships are all detained on Suspicion of being English property taken at Conception and by last accts sent to Lima for trial, but I hope they will be cleared yet the detention will greatly injure their voyages the A & W had about 150 Tons — The Maria for Brightman & Co has lately sailed for Delago Bay did little or nothing at South Georgia on the Skin plan — The Prudence shipped from Near Island to Canton 6000 Skins on ffr & has done but little since but bring a ffr from River of Plate to Boston for $4,000 I hope we shall lose nothing on the whole the owners of the Skins is not yet known — A Swain has arrived last week at Nantucket did not speed Barney I believe in the number of Skins the 14 mos longer on his Voyage but sold for abt 1/3 — I want much to hear our Fleet are all tied to wind up the concern of the Barclays Voyage — I have a few small chests Bohea left & most of the China finding this article a very slow sale —

I am &c

Benjn Rotch

On the 20th Inst I recd thy favour of 6 mo 6 & also one subjoined to LDB of 5 mo 15th both at one time my former letters of 6 mo 19 & 28 advise of the State of thy three Ships since which we have nothing material respecting them. two Ships belong to the sons of Rachl & Jethro Mitchell have recently arrived. they spoke Jeal Rotch who lay at Conception a few days after Saddock in the Maria & reported that before he sailed all three of the Ships had sailed for ~~Conception~~ Lima for trial this must have been in the 3rd mo, no other Ship is expected back this season from that Ocean. I hope the next Acct we have of them will be from the of the 1st arrival & of their being all cleared — Those two Ships Cargo's were bought by

their Owners at $200 for Oil & $300 for Headm^s
one or two small parcels I have bought for thy former
order that the quantity now on hand is between 90 &
100 Tons — The Ship I mentioned as reported to have 550 Tons
returned with only 10 Bbls that I fear I shall not make
up a Cargo early particularly as thou has reduced
the Limits to £38 £40 I am now anxiously waiting
for thy Liberty to purchase a Ship built since 1798 &
shall do the best in my power in procuring one that
will please thee our good Ships are not cheap — by the
order of Capt Moore &c I purchased a new Ship the Hector
313 Tons at $10,500 at N York Abel Rawson M^r & loaded
her principally with Staves. 20 Tons Whale Oil I put in on
the Owners Ap^t at $100 dll on board This Ship was built
in Connecticut & as far as examination would prove her, a good
Ship — in the Winter C^r J Hazard & self bought a new
the Diana built at the same place, 210 Tons for $7000. we
Coppered her & from all we could discover even Cap^t Claghorn
pronounced her a good Ship Dan^l Waterman has gone
to Delago in her — I am daily expecting the America
from Petersburg which from Abms acct of her I think
will do for the second Ship for the Dunkirk concern, &
I have corresponded with the owners so far as to believe
there is a probability of her being sold — The Hector
was cleared on 31^st Ult & I suppose sail^d on the 1^st —
I paid for the Hector in bills at par half at 60 & ½ at
120 dt sight drawn on R Grant & Co. more than amount
before I rec^d the orders to draw on T D C but as I knew
my letters of advice were forward long before the bills
were again sold in N^w York I hope they will be honored
I wrote the day I rec^d thine & D^rs Letter to Buchanan &
De Bangue & notified the remitters of the Bills that T D & C^o
would take them up — for the Sheathing Loading the Ship
& on acct of the Cargo & disbursements I drew last
week on T D & C^o for £1500 at 60 as & desired half placed
to thine & half to L D Bangues Acct I hope them well
nearly close the Acct

I have delayd drawing any thing for my advances upon ~~Yours~~ Bill wishing not to do it until I knew the event of the fate of thy two ships & shall delay it as long as Br Rodman can do without his Money. Nars of which I have paid & all the other small parcels Philada has been again visited with the Yellow Fever & it is supposed 4/5 the inhabitants have fled the Deaths by this means have been few but unusual mortality has attended those who have been attacked with it Br & Sister Fisher with their 3 Children have made us an acceptable Visit of abt 6 Weeks & now gone to Hartford where I expect they will spend this month

Isaiah Hussey has just brought the Jefferson from Boston 200 Tons been one voyage to Europe $10,000 cost She is a fine ship & such an one as I should be glad to get for thee if thy arrangements admit hope I shall soon hear from thee on that subject

9mo 11. 1802

To Peter Ro. Dillon ~~&~~ H Dean

Inclosed is Geo Simpson Cashiers draft on thee for $1000 dated 6th Inst. in favr Snowdons Father & endorsed to me. I shall be obliged by thy paying it to my Ord. & am

9 mo 15. 1802

Thomas Arnold

I recd two Letters last eve per mail frm A Barker 6mo 28 & 30 with the Providence Post mark of 13 supposed per the Jane Capt Bullock By those Letters I am informed the America Capt Stone with a Cargo of Hemp & Iron to my address & 3/4 on my acct left Cronstadt on the 29 of 6mo & seeing no acct of her being spoken with since the 30th (my bad day) I feel anxious to know

If Capt Bullock saw any thing of her afterwards
Capt Rich I find by the Papers arrived last 7th day at Boston
I shall be much obliged by thy enquiry & information
if thou gains any intelligence of her, I have abt $2,000
property in her Cargo $10,000 only of which I have insured
I think our Frd Jackson offered to do it at 2½ pCt
& I hoped Capt Bullock would give some more
recent Accot of the America & thereby lower the
Prm I have to request after thou hast made
the enquiry thou would have $5 or 6,000 insured
from Cronstadt to this Port unless thou hears of
her later If she was seen clear of the Baltic
I consider much of the risque over, but shall be
satisfied with any Prm thou shall think fair
Capt Stone sailed on the 25th not a heavy Gale on
the following night & returned back to Cronstadt next
day I am &c

9mo 16 1802

Arnold Welles

If the Co will write for 2 pCt

for the Owner or Owners of ½ Ship Hector & Cargo
Abel Rawson Master, from N York to Dunkirk Valued
with Prm at $18,600 I wish Thee to have it done for $9300
She sailed from Newyork about the first of the mo
is entirely new a little more than 300 Tons & loaded
principally with Staves on the Owners Accot She has a
little freight of Tobacco & Oil but the Value & the cost of
the Ship & outfits with the Cargo belonging to the Owners
I purchased the Ship by the orders of Capt Wm Mooers of
Nantucket now resd in Europe & I fine May have let her go
without an american Register with the bill of Sale only
I do not suppose this can affect the risk but concerned

It proper to mention it if it is necessary that the owners name in whose behalf the Insurance is made I would have it in the name of my br B Rotch by whose order this is done & I suppose by his writing he takes for but I have heard nothing from Capt Mowers respecting it & my orders came to hand after the bill of sale was taken & the ship nearly ready for sea I wish to give them a true state of the business (altho I suppose the risk is now increased) & trust to thy having the policy so fitted that when done it will admit of no dispute I go no acct from the America yr Friend

Arnold Wells Jr 9mo 21. 1802

I am happy in informing thee that the A arrived safe on 18 45 days passage (when the stopping for water after 30 days out) was detained by head winds 8 days — Thou will please make the insurance for 2/- ℔C & I supposed such risks had been written for 2℔C — Lent

Isaac Hicks 9mo 22. 1802

I am obliged by thine of 14 & only note the Century - the A- is at last arrived on the 18th of which thou will probably be advised by mine of that day ℔ Post — The Lydia has taken what she could only 4 Tons, it is of excellent oily and hope there will be able to make it not me above $200 - altho when I wrote thee per the Ann I reckoned Barton & Co computed could not do better - I am now encouraged to

hope it will pay me better for time 245
= trusting — for the best prospect it will
be your business — I approve thy
proposal of lodging the C^o with thee for
the selling exchange, but hope I can
put off drawing till it rises —

A Banker is so concerned in this
Cargo, that directed his Bro^r. the
Farm I expect will take some for him
& perhaps I may get some more to
thee before the L— can take it — I am &

Wm Brown^s 9 mo 22. 1802

I wrote thee by Wallen
& was mortified after the post left
town yesterday to find he had returned
as my Sloop arrived yesterday, & I
now fear it will be all landed before
I can receive a letter from thee — and
unless it is delivered for the vessel I
cannot afford it at $200 — I hope how-
=ever as it is not to low in Boston
than will do better for me, at that
price I would not wish to sell more
than 5 Tons out of the Sh: as my sales
are already considerable. I am &

Josiah Bradlee 9 mo 23. 1802

I have now shipd by Capt
Church 1 Whole, & 20 ½ Chests B— Tea — which I
hope will find a sale before the mass Tea arrives
& that them will obtain a good price for it —

10 mo 6. 1802

Josiah Bradlee

I am much obliged by thy information
in letters of 24 & 27. I hope by next mail to hear
of the arrival of Church with the Tea. I have stored
what Hemp I have not sold & hope to obtain $220

G Fowland informs me thou has been desired to pay into the Bank to my Cr. $600 or near it & requests thou will make up the sum to $800 & pay to united States Bank as soon as thou can after receiving this & place the balance to my Credit — I do not yet hear of a Ship to please me — the certificates for the Ira I shall send down by next stage

I am to

Jacob Baxter

Wmsburg 1802

I note thee on 2d Sp

part proposing they Chartering a vessel to bring me Down Md Flour & Bl Stores &c of J J Delano, with 8 Tons more Flour out of the Latona that the Inhabitants of Gloucester beat after long me 44 Tons of Flour the Vessel but 33 on board — This day I have engaged Hoops — Cap & Isaac Selden to Baltimore to take a Ld of Hoops at $3 p Thou & to bring a Load of Staves at $3 for 136 & 44 for Md which hope that will be able to furnish of a good kind, without detention, the Capn is willing to buy Hoops in Md that in that Case I think thou can do the needful & send me 20 M 10 136 of Staves if more is sent before — I have this day rec'd three of the 4 note Have sent engaged 15 Tons of Hoops in all 13 only being sent & shall send purchases in this vessel

& I then I think it best to wait unless there can make it up the 30 Sorg at 225 which there may do — in this cargo will be about 2 Pairs inferior by itself in the first lot also there has been mixed in the remainder 3 Barrels of Patchot which is so little inferior that it was mixed without perceiving it, & hope a little abatement will suit it — it is also here — & solicit they care in procuring me a BB best W.I sugar for family use & for a BB best Cracked Lump

I Olney Winsor 10mo 5. 1802

Inclosed I hand thee a note of Hand Jn.o Rogers & Moses Lippitt dated 1st Nov.r 1800 for $866.65/100 with int.t from 1st of 5mo.th 1801 payable 1.d 3.d of next Mo which request thou will notice them of & collect for my Act.t & place Amy Cr.t

I am

866.65
78 .18 months
944.65

10 Mo. 7. 1802

Louis De Banque

Since mine of 3d Inst.t I am without any of thy favours. The Hector Sail'd on the first Inst.t with a fine wind & I hope ere this has safely arrived with you & will prove to the Satisfaction of the Concerned I now inclose thee Acct Current of that Ship & Cargo including 42 Cars now Shipped p the Jefferson Isaiah Hussey as p Invoice & Bill Lading inclosed amounting to $ the balance of the Account $

when opportunity offers I shall draw upon Thos. Bickerton & Co. for I cannot yet find a Ship that I think will answer to purchase for the same concern nor can my friends in New York or Boston meet with one; they are daily arriving our good Ships will command a good price while those of ordinary quality will not sell I hope soon to advise thee of having purchased one & shall equip & dispatch her as soon as possible Yours

Ozias Wilkinson

Nov 9 1802

Thine of 6th I have recd & note Thy Offer for Iron & hoops & altho the hoops will cost me here higher than from Plymouth. have concluded to send thee 6 Tons Old table Iron - what hoops thou can afford to deliver me at Providence (not very dear) for it. thou may send as I suppose thou means $100 was the price of New table which I am quite willing to deliver at Providence for $100. the Old Table ought to fetch me $105 or thou may send me the 6 Tons of Hoops (3 of 4d & 3 of 3d plate size as they distinguish them in Philada as I want ye if I have 6 Tons of 4d. size & I will send thee payment in New table at 100$ if that was thy meaning - & may probably want a considerable more hoops in exchange for Iron if thou can do it on agreeable terms. & it is more agreable to me to have them from Providence than Plymouth. the Hoops from the latter have been very good

Tons. C. 2 Qr Iron by W Allen

Yours

10 mo 7. 1802

Capt Isaac Stone

I regretted that I did not rise this morn. as I expected in season to see thee & our friend Sprague before you sailed and finding we had neglected to give thee a Copy of thy Acct as desired I now forward it from my Books — I have promised payment to Jenne for his bill against Mochim ..... $ 20.37
Lewis Mc Jona 2.04
$ 22.41
which thou may remit to me as convenient or place it to my Cr U S Bank Boston —
Jenne is a very honest man and has no connection with Wright — to save postage I shall copy his bill on this
Hoping soon to hear of thy safe arrival &c &c —

10 mo 7. 1802

Capt Barker

I have now the pleasure of informing thee of that the America arrived safe on the 18th & the Latona on the 29th & have deliv'd their Cargo in good order & Tom Plumpton Damaged in the former — I am much pleased with Capt S. & his Wife the Latter has gone home tho in feeble health has held out pretty well the Ship sailed this morn for Newbury Port — The Count & often conversed with & have shewn him such civility as was within my reach & knowledge he had not much recovered his strength but after landing I think it increased & he proposed keeping with the Capt & has gone with him by Water — Our goods have all come out well but thy Mothers package was short 2 pr Ruffles & 1 pr Drills — I cannot acct for it unless it was omitted being put up, had I known it here I could have formed some Judgment if the bale had been opened but did not notice it when in store — presuming it was not, I have settled with Capt S. for the pay of what was in it & hope thou

will be able to find the error

The Hand Pump sent my Wife proves very acceptable & useful the Tea has not yet been opened our doubts not it will prove equally so Thou hast our united thanks therefor as thou has also Fred Austins for the Tea & for Skippers part of the latter will be sent to thy mother & sisters Some Ships who loaded with Hemp at 30 Rs arriving before the America reduced the price to $210 & fearing the event of its still falling I sold what I could out of the Ship at 205 in 3 to 6mo Cr abt 50 Tons & put 52 Tons in the Bath on my own acct sent 20 Tons to N York where it will net abt 215 the residue I sold in Store (Turner) at 220 to which price it has risen in Boston on 6mo of the 50 Jas sold 16 at Nantucket & Jacot has sold 15 at N York of the Latonia I have neither Invoice nor Bill Loading Capt W. says it cost 31 & had risen to 33 before he left that I hope we shall make a little by it The Duck is sells 17 to 18 have sold abt half of it Iron is low have sold 30 Tons new & 25 of Old Sable together at $100 but the square comes astonishingly high the square & the Iron of CCND costs here 118 & is worth here abt 120 Upon the whole consider the high price in Russia I think we may consider ourselves well off to make a small profit as the offer of peace has cut off most other prospects I am now looking out for a Ship for Capt Morris one for Benj & one for the Russia trade in which I shall interest three 1/6 if Thou approves it I could not buy the America at $10.000 & I did not think it would answer to go higher. She is certainly a fine ship I hear nothing from Benj Three Thos nor from him of what age to purchase a Ship this embarrasses me but the first suitable Ship I intend to buy for ourselves & may put her to him if

I am at liberty to buy a young one
T D & Co seem to know nothing abt the £433 thou
charges to me ~~from~~ 4mo 1801 - I have but just rec'd
their Acct against W P Jr & Co where they charge me
£52.10 paid to them which I charge to thy Acct
if not right thou will see it rectified. I hope
soon to hear from them in England I am &c

Isaac Hicks 10mo 9th.

I am obliged by thy two favrs
& the Lydia by which I rec'd the Copper & Cr thy
acct. the amo. $ & feel much obliged by thy
attention thereto.

I was pleased with thy sales of the Hemp
& now send thee by the Lydia Town two more
When I wrote thee respecting it, it had been
sold at 205 & I knew after ours was purchased it
had fallen, that I looked for a decline - the
contrary is proved, it again rose in Petersburg
& is now held in Boston at $220 & I find not
a large stock is coming out - that I hold mine
here now at $220 - I get very little on what
I sold here at $200 -

On settling with Isaiah Hughey I had a bal.
to pay him of $732-23 (I think) which he wishing
in thy hands, I have given him an Order
on thee for the amount. I seem to have
lost the knowledge of the state of thy Acct. if thou
can tell me what the state of the German
Goods are, I can know its situation. Are
the few Coils Cordage sold left of former sales?

I now inclose thee Wilson Barlow, Eft
on Minturn & Champlin at 60 ds date
from the 4th Inst. for $1000 - which please to place
to my Cr when matured - & if thou art in
advance & want have it discounted at
my expence

I am

10 mo 12 1802

Abner Wood Esq

I hope ere this the America has safely arrived having had very fine weather since she sailed — If thou hast made up thy mind relative to selling the Ship Mary I shall be obliged by thy information of the lowest terms pr in 60 & the other pr in 6 Months — I have conversed with Capt Rowland who saw her last Spring and it is his opinion that considering the smallness of her Cordage & one Cable he thinks was ordinary that comparing her with other Ships he has known sold she would do at $8,000 at that price I think I should not hesitate to go or send a person to conclude a Bargain — I shall be obliged by thy answer by the returning mail, & am &c

10 mo 12 1802

Benjn Rotch

Thy long anticipated letter has at length reached me yesterday under date 8 mo 14th by our dear Nephew who arrived safe but sick most of the Voyage, as was G Dillwyn so ill on first setting off that if practicable he would have landed again not knowing of what age to purchase, a Ship. I have been negociated to delay until this time but having been in treaty for one I hope I shall in the course of two weeks have one ready to begin loading yet the season of year renders it uncertain as I expect her to come from Boston or Newburyport no time within my command shall be lost but I fear we shall not have time to sheath — I have yet had no opportunity of purchasing a single Ton of Oil since my last when I had between 90 & 100 Tons but at $200 & had thy last not extended my limits again to that price I should not have able to add thereto according to what I can learn it being held in so

hands at Nbt they are determined to keep up the
price this season — As Paddock in the Maria was not
long at Conception & the Ann & Wareham were brought
I think it must be in 3 mo. report from Fitch says they were paid for in a fortnight
in while he was there, but I suspect their papers being
there while Paddock was at Conception, that report
may not be correct. I think it must be 6 mo after
the 10 mo 1 that the two last were taken. if so I think
there can be little doubt of their being cleared —
the Bol was said to be taken 3 mo before them of
course more doubtful — I do not expect to hear again
from them if released until their arrival at Milford —
I think there can be no doubt of the safety of the
Insurance — Arnold Welles president of the Office
which upon the three have written $81,000 wrote me
while in treaty for the Insurance (13 Sept 1800)
" The property in case of Capture by the French would
" doubtless be considered as English & the hazard is conceived
" to be enhanced by this circumstance —
from this circumstance I conceive no demur can be
made but I sincerely hope we shall not be put to
the trial — I find I am $1500 upon the Ann & Mary
$1000 in Boston 120 & 500 here as per list — I shall add a
list of pms I stand accountable for which will give thee
all the Insurance that has been effected. if thou
has not noted them down as I have informed thee
I can give no other reason for thy not receiving thy
Act Current at the close of last year than neglect as
it was made out early in the year & ought to have been
sent thee, My absence for 3 Months in the Spring with
our pds N South & sister Lydia I suppose put it out of
my mind & it is now entered to the 1st of this year balance
in my favour $1858, 43 and as the transactions for the
present year have been very small and the arrangement
for the balance due me placed in a different

situation from what it has been heretofore (not at present subject to any affs on F D & Co) I shall then also to the end of this year & in New acc charge the new transactions relative to the purchase of the ship & cargo, upon the Cr side I have yet drawn nothing but am in advance abt $10,000 & One S K abt the same sum, I shall omit drawing therefor as long as I can, par is abt as much as can be obtained at present & tho have stood at that for most of the season, at the close of this year the balance in my favr stands $19728.04. I rate a Whaling outfit to the pacific at abt $8000 - but having fitted none since the peace may not be exact however I do not think it will differ $1000 from it, As to the speculation if the ships should be condemned it must be left for the present. but I conceive we are not at liberty to purchase & load any thing in S. America or carry on trade of any kind. I shall from my liberty do every thing that my friends shall think for thy interest I hope to get Coffin Whiting to take the Ship

I am &c

PS Duplicate dated 13th 10mo -

Since forwarding the orig. of the preceding I have recollected I have a letter from Gwinn after they were detained dated 2mo 21, but he does not say when nor this puts them all three in one situation taken before the time stipulated in the prelim. of peace — I was much embarrassed in reflecting upon the subject for thy enquiry knowing that at the time it was fixed in my mind it was within the time, but not recollecting Gwinns letter and no one here to enquire of

I find I had made that calculation upon 6 mos the usual time in former treaties instead of 5 mos — the suspicion being that they are English property — and the papers proving to the contrary unless as Paddock supposed some of those who are enimies to the success of the plan, have sent out proof, and a fair trial can be had I think they must be cleared, but if they have not arrived when those reciving this I think there can be little hope — this long detention if ultimately cleared must prove a heavy loss, as if they arrive safe full compensation cannot be expected of the underwriters, nor do I know if any can be had, as it is not usual here to insure for detention, except it is for insurance upon freight ——— Yours

Thomas Gould

10 Mo. 20. 1802

Thro' my uncommon engagements I have too long neglected replying to thy letter I have been in hopes a Cold spell of weather, would have enabled us to press some Oil in season to send thee, but there seems to no prospect of it until next Mo. & then I fear it will be too late for the season if your City are supplied for the winter we shall have plenty in the spring

& the Credit desired will be made convenient – I do not know where to get any oil that I ~~am~~ can recommend if any Conveyance after we begin to press shall send it

I am &c

George Hooper Wilmington New Bedford 10m 26 1802

Respected friend

Altho personally unknown to thee yet by the request of my friends neighbours Jas Howland & Cornelius Grennell owners of the Schooner George Cap Peckham now bound to Wilmington, I take the liberty to assure thee that those owners are men of respectability & punctuality & if Cap Peckham should have occasion to draw for three or Twelve or Sixteen hundred Dollars either upon them or Isaac Hicks Newyork, every confidence may be depended upon that the bills will be punctually honoured – I am thy respectful friend Wm Rotch Jr

Having requested a letter of W Rotch Jr of which the foregoing is Copy to George Hooper Wilmington we hold ourselves responsable for the consequence

Cornelius Grinnell
James Howland

10mo 27 1802

John Ritchie

Thy favr of 25th came to hand last evening but too late to reply by the return mail Altho I had hoped to find a letter for Exchange above par yet as I shall be in want of Money in 60 days I have concluded to send thee 1000 £ Stg in my bills of this date upon T D & Co which thou will find enclosed for which thou will please to return me thy Note of same date at 60 days with Interest If Exchange should advance & thou should be in further want I shall have more to Draw in a short time — I am &c,

10mo 27 1802

Thomas Dickason & Co

Since my last of 3d Inst I have rcd your esteemed favour 19th July inclosing your Acct Current with the late W H & Co which I had not before received & this explains the Statement I refered to which before I could not comprehend — The £1000 paid to W Wall I had in my letter of 8th 12mo 1800 requested you to place to the Debit of my Brother & I credited his Acct thereof I have now made my Books conformable thereto & also Credited £52.10 which was paid A Barker & which had not before come to my knowledge That balance of £928.8.3 I request you will transfer to my Acct that it may be settled on your Books it was neglect in me if I did not before request you to settle it in that manner —

The £433.11.5 must remain as you say & if AB has not that sum to his Cr I am quite easy about it. but as I had calculated for the last year not to avail myself of your kindness in indulging me to exceed my own funds I feel a little mortified to

find myself (after those alterations in my accot)
indebted to you nearly £1600 - when I had
calculated the account nearly on a balance
I shall however speedily make my arrangements to pay it
& now inclose you Ö Hazards bill on you at three days
sight for £300. & my own bill to balance the letters am't for £197.17.6 at 60 days
for this last you will please to
pass it one half to the Debit of Louis De Bauque
& the other ½ to the Debit of my Brother Benjn Rotch
& please to C.r my acct with those two sums at Maturity
together £494.17.6 - The Copper has come duly to hand
& the amo £232.11.5 is placed to your C.r as is also
the £4000 drawn from Petersburg by Mr Barker -
I am pleased with the confirmation of your willingness
to accept to the amo of 5or £6000 for acct of Louis De Bauque
of Dunkirk my former letters have advised of all the
bills before drawn upon his & B.rs Acct except one for
£47.15 in favr Robert Barclay (1709) My brother
has directed me to draw upon for my advances for him in
the purchase of a Ship her Outfit & a Cargo of Oil. the
Ship I have purchased upon a Credit & having nearly
One Hundred Tons of Oil on hand and daily expecting
the Barclay. I hope the Ship will be here in a few
days & that nothing will prevent her being ready
in a few weeks at least in all respects for the
payment of the Oil I must soon draw & on that
Acct have this day drawn on you at 60 ds in favr
of John Ritchie for £1000 which you will please
to honor & place to my Pr Benjn Acct -
Our Petersburg adventures have arrived to a saving
market. I am &c -

10 mo 28 1802

Leonard & Crocker

I have yet on hand 10 or 15 Tons New & about 25 Tons Old Sable Iron which I should like to close the Sale of & which I offer to you at $96 for New & $105 for the Old Sable at 6 months Interest after 4 which is the Price I sold your to your neighbor at (very near) having sold them 30 Tons Old & 20 New at $100. should this offer meet your approbation I shall be glad to hear from you by next Mail, I am &c —

Vienna 30 : 1802

Thomas Dickason & Co

Craving reference to the preceding duplicate of my last of 28th. I have now to inform you by request of L De Bauyen of Dunkirk that I have purchased for the Dunkirk company the Sh: Columbus of 287 Tons not one year old thereof upon the stocks for $10500 — a very fine ship she was to sail this morning from ~~Newburyport~~ for New York to load with Stores for Dunkirk for which port either she was built & purchased

I & I have ordered insured at Boston for my & BR — by Louis writing he expects you to insure the Other In for them the terms of payment are 3 mos without & 3 mos with Interest

shall consult the interest of the concerned in Drawing thereon as the exchange may be —

The Sh: I have purchased for my Br is also at Newburyport reputed sound vessel, it is the Grand Sachem 250 Tons been only one voyage to Europe $9000 at 2d 4 mos not having further to add at this time save requesting of you to inform my Br hereof — as I have not written him yet. expect to by this conveyance I am &c

Arnold Welles Esq 10 mo 30 1812

I feel myself obliged by thy attention to my request in giving Lyll a letter to Estocker — Lyll informs me he has written thee for Insurance upon the Columbus from Newburyport to N Y at 4 per then to Dunkirk on thy sending me the amot of prem I will send thee my note — Howland has also prem: = chased the Sachem for my order for my Br Benj R — I expect her to come here in haste and load for Malaga I wish thee to have insurance made upon her at 4 per Cent Port to Milford at 4 per Cent Milford $10,000 valued at the same prem not included — Le Whipple has gone down to take charge of the Sachem & I expect will go the voyage in her as Mr. he is so well aquainted with the Coast that I think a pilot unnecessary

last mention it that it may not be accepted against — however if I can find a person who I think knows more than her shall send one down — My early reply of yours will enable me to forward me my note — —

I am &c

Ben^r Rotch Rome 30. 1802

Since my last of 12th with P.S to duplicate of 15th I have been doing the best in my power to procure the cash: but until this day have not had it in my power to give the result

The Sh: Gd Lachlan of Nubury port has one D Spain a fine Sh: is bt for $9000 at 2 & 4 mos to Rodman abt 2 mos since offered $10,000 for her did not here on his resign & as she has now been fitted for a Voyage I presume more expence has been laid out than it will cost to bring her here I consider this a very good purchase Coffin Whipple is now in charge of her & will go in her she will be ready to sail for this place by the latter end of this week I have also purchased at this place the Ship Columbus of 287 Tons, a fine Ship Sheathed on the stocks & only been one to Rio de la Plata lay there 3 or 4 days & back in stone ballast for $10,500 for Cape Verd Island This Ship is on a Cr of 6 mos interest after 3 the Columbus is on her passage to Nyk to load with Staves is a fine sailg Ship J Parker goes in her her boats are all made & as soon as she can load she will be off I am now in Expectation of purchasing as same

262 Shave the Elizabeth of 220 Tons for $8.500
(the dearest Ship of the three) for myself & A Barker for
a Russian Trader she has only been with Tobacco to
Liverpool & returned with Salt I drew last
week on acct of the Cargo of Oil £4000 d 60 dt. at
par the first that I have drawn I am &c

It having obtained a Register for
the Columbus in Lieut Moses name
(which we could not on My for the
Shelter) I have had the insurance
made on Her in his name by the
order that may inform him
I shall of course treat the Sh as his

Leonard Bleecker Nov 2. 1807

I am very sorry you could
not find it to your interest to accede to
my offer for the Iron but as it lays
much in my way I have concluded
to accept of offer say $97.50 a ton
for 30 or 40 Tons leaving me at liberty
to determine the qty when I send for
it ——— I am &c

Jacob Barker

10 Mo. 31 -- 1802

I am oblig'd by thy two Letters & the frame & my wife is much pleased with the Sugar & Crackers & myself with the stove & as also with the Cargo of Slaves which arrived on 6th Day afternoon

Slaves purchased at newbury Port the Ship Columbus of 287 Tons she sailed for New York in Stone Ballast on 6 Day and has just stop'd here for harbour Capt. Jon. Parker will command her & I shall forward her with expectation the first wind

I wish the to provide Slaves for her on the best terms thou canst, only conditioned that she arrives -- not to have them under contract if she should not -- as I may order her to Philadelphia Where the difference in the price of Slaves would be material from what I last heard

I have likewise bought the Grand Sachem for my Brother & am in treaty for a Russia Ship for myself Bro. to have In those three Ships have made but one voyage -- the Columbus sheathed on the Stocks price 10.500. the Sachem 260 Tons $9,000 She Elizabeth

not quite so large but equal in goodness
I have offer'd $ 8,000

I am &c.

Arnold Welles 31st Dcmr:

The Columbus not
being able to make way thro' the
wind to day was stopd for a
Harbor — if she should be detain'd
by adverse wind (wch is now blowg)
until the mail returns, I shall be
much obliged by permission of the Co.y
for her to go to Phia. to load wh Stone,
& if they think the risk any more
than for her to go thro' the Sound (wch
I do not) & leave the addition to them
I shall not alter her destination
under permitted & only with added to
the policy to at & fm either place as I
may yet choose to her to the first plan
if the wind is not fair tomorrow
I presume I may take the liberty of
putg on bd a few stores — I had prom.d
for her hire and mean to go on in
a packet to-morrow without prejud.e of
the policy — But the approbation
herein will be acceptable — if the
wind should be fair she will
proceed — I am &c

11mo 2 1802

Arnold Wells

My two obliging favors of yesterday I have just received & am well satisfied with the ffr^t fixed for the Columbus – the Note is signed & now returned I shall Order Capt Parker for N^yk with the liberty if the winds should make it more easy to go to Phil^a than Newyork to use his own judgment & then will plase to add to the Policy with liberty to go there with paying the additional premium of 3/4 p^ct I am &c

11mo 2 1802

Peter R. Dalton

I again take the Liberty to request my care in collecting the inclosed a/c^t John Yates & Jon^n on Joseph M^c Lellan now in Boston for $736 93/100 dated Portland 10mo 28 in favor T Hazard Jr – I understand Capt M^c Lellan is expected to be 8 or 10 days in Boston Lodges or Chapters near the Boston Stone I am &c –

Jacob Barker 11 Mo. 3 1802

I wrote the last evening by Capt Jon^a Parker of the Columbus who is now getting under sail for New York unless the winds should be such that he cannot reach it so easily as Phil^a The Packet men can inform Mess^rs if she goes into the sound of course shall do all that can be done to forward the delivery of her balast which is all stone & I think

much of it will be good paving stone & as she has all in she had for a Voyage to the River of Plate I conclude she has 150 Tons that I hope thou will be able to dispose of it to some benefit

If Capt. Parker thinks best to Grave her let it be done & loaded with Staves as speedily as possible I have requested him to lay out as little as possible on the Ship & he will be anxous to be off soon —

If thou cannot sell the Columbus's long boat for near its value I have directed Capt. Parker to take it with him

I am &c

11 mo 3. 1802

Ozias Wilkinson

Thy letter of 25 Ult has not been put into the Nantucket Mail I did not receive it until last eve. Allen being yr here I have this morng put on board his Vessell 3 Tons more of New Sable Iron I had just closed a contract for a quantity of New & Old in which I should get but 2 pr ℔ more for the Old than the New I thought thou might prefer it at that difference but I submit the whole to thee to do as thou thinks right my friends at Plymouth never made any difference between the 3 & 4 hoops for the over weight save the first time 2 11 / 16 with the over wt now if I note any of the four of this thou may send payment in hoops — I am to

11 mo 3. 1802

Wm Burroughs

By this conveyance thou will receive 10 Casks Oil as p Invoice. I have a call for some money in Boston can thou purchase me a bill or right at p 500 or send it to me by Post in Boston paper I wish thou could retain the pronisi of the Barrels we send the Oil in & buy them back on the best terms thou canst & also pick up 50 to 100 good second hand meat barrels & charter some wood-sloop to stop with them in course of this mo. I am &c

11 mo 3 1802

David Anthony

I shall be glad for thee to provide me with my usual winter stores abt 100 lb Cheese 3 firkins best butter 10 or 12 bbl best Cyder & if thou can send me 2 bbls of Apples of the kind thou kindly gave my family last fall I shall be glad to have them if of a high price. they are scarce here of all sorts. I suppose I had paid into the Bank this week $944 65/100 for which I enclose thee my Check if any more please receive only what I have in deposit - reserve enough in thy hands to pay thine supplies & I want the other remitted to Peter R Dicken cash of United States Bank Boston either in a bill at sight or in Boston Paper I shall be much obliged by thy doing it for me as soon as thou canst I enter

11 mo 3. 1802

Saml & Miers Fisher

Being about purchasing a Ship for the Baltic trade I am not yet determined whether to send a frt for her to Europe or to send her to Charleston to load with Rice on my own acct. Should you see any advantage in sending her to Philada to load her partly

on my own acct with any article to any of the Northern ports of Europe or even a southern port that will promise a better remittance than bills & where I could have her filled up on frt. I shall be much obliged by your information thereof as soon as you can make up Judgment thereupon —

The Brig Swift Capt Briggs & Ship Nancies Capt Pardon Rowland (the latter paid a meeting while Br Samuel was here) the former sailed & the latter near sailing for Philada I have at their request given each a letter to you agreeable to brothers desire — The Ship Columbus of 287 Tons Capt Jona Parker sailed this morning with orders if the wind should be more favourable to go to Phila from N York to go there if he should apply please to procure him with a cargo of white Oak Hhd & Bbs Staves for Dunkirk & I will provide for the Payment — That ship I have purchasd for the order of Capt Wm Moore now at Dunkirk — she has perhaps 160 Tons stone ballast that I hope will sell for some consideration with you — if the practicability is sufficiently strong when the Nancies is ready to sail of her going to Philada we intend to send Brother Frank the Letter went by the Swift — I am &c —

11 mo 13. 1802

Richd Blow

Intending to have a Ship in Europe in the spring to go up the Baltic I am yet undetermined whether to send that to the southard for a frt or to load her on my own acct if she goes on frt I shall prefer her going to some of the Northern ports of Europe except Amsterdam — I shall be obliged by thy information of the prospect with you either of Tobacco or Flour with the price of Staves — & also whether article of Northern produce will be worth shipping — I am &c —

Arnold Welles Esqr. 11 mo 4 1802

I am much obliged by thy favr of the 2d and feel well satisfied with the addition proposed to the Policy on the Columbus that Ship sailed yesterday morning & from the course of the weather I expect she is now near New York through the sound The Grand Sachem Coffin Whipsey master I expect will be ready to leave New ~~York~~ bey Port this day I agree to the prem.m proposed 3/4 p.C & request thee to make $ 10.000 Insurance upon that Ship prem.m not included in that Valuation at & from Newbury Port to New Bedford & at & from thence to Milford Haven the property of my brother Benjamin Rotch — & on sending me the note I will sign & return it & G Howland may take the Policies on his return I am &c.

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10 mo 5, 1802

Joseph Taylor

Having just purchased a Ship in Newburyport I am in want of all the money I can command & forward the payment I shall be greatly obliged if thou will by the middle of next week plase to

my C^r $500 — if I have occasion to write the Cashier may send him an order on thee for that sum but if not request thy attention thereto

I am &c

Arnold Welles Newp^t 9. 1807

I am obliged by thy letter of the 8^th inst^o. the note for prem^m on Gd Cashew we have sign^d I now inclose thee — that Sh: was waiting a fair wind at Newburyport yesterday — I will consider thy proposal for the Bankays prem^m in mean time wish to consult my br Thos at Hartford who is concern^d with me in that Sh — I am &c

Louis De Bauque Newp^t 10. 1807

Craving reference to my last reports of the 7^th inst & J — Capt^n Hussey I have now the pleasure of informing thee that I have purchased the Sh Columbia at Newburyport a fine Sh of 287 Tons Bly the order of Capt^n Wilcox have registered her in his name she was built on the Stocks sailed new in the 3^mo: last went to the R de Plate in Ballast & returned in the same — brought for $10500 — a bonus interest after 3^mos — She stopd here on her way to Hook she stopd here on her way to Hook took in her boats & is now there — where my advices this day inform her cargo is purchased (Stacy) & will be my speedily dispatched — I have shipd Capt^n Geo Parker Mr who went from here

in her — he stands as well apprais
as any ves I know — I agreed that he should
have $50 less 5% in Drawback & 1/16 of the
future Wh: Voyage — I consider this
a good purchase & hope it will prove
agreeable to the concern — I have purchas
d one for my br 13 — of 250 Tons (the Gd
Sachem) for $9,000 — at 2 thirds & one
for myself 250 Tons the Elizabeth for
$8500 cash down, both absent the
age of the Columbus but not sheathed
& believe in this transaction I
have done the best that could be
done for y interest — & doubt not it
will be to the approbation of the concern
As she is registerd in Capt Moores
name, I must consider her his until
she is clear of me & as my br has ordered
me to insure for his acct I have
insured it in Capt Moores name &
given P & Hs information of the purchase
& of the insurance which I find is
unpermissable to intentions contained
in Thy returned for of 13 Augt not rec
until last evening — I remain

Thomas Dickason Hs

11 mo 10 1802

Since the preceding
(a dy of which went to Warrington Delano
for Liverpool accompanied by one for
myself) I have had the pleasure of
receiving yr favr of 30 Augt inclosed by
D Starbuck & have placed to y Dr
£100 — for you by him — the Gd Sachem
is not yet in from Newfoundland &
apprehend her turnover

I remain

11 mo 2d 1802

Capt Jonathan Parker

Thou being Master of the Ship Columbus which I have purchased for Capt Wm Moore of Nantucket I request thee to proceed with all possible dispatch to Newyk where I/B will provide thee with a Cargo of Staves unless some other frt offers & on receiving the same on board proceed to Dunkirk to the order of sd Capt W. Moore Should the prevalence of the winds be such that thou can more easily reach Philadr thou art at liberty to go there where apply to Saml Fisher who will also procure thee a Cargo of Staves & in that case proceed as before to Dunkirk and for thy attention in discharging the Duty of Master of sd ship it is agreed that thou art to have for thy Services until the Ship is discharged in Dunkirk One Hundred Dollars & 1/2 of the future Whale Voyage in sd Ship & whatever frt or passage Money thou can make in the Cabin thou may expect liberal allowances from Capt Moore, 50$ to be paid thee in Nyk & 50$ on thy arrival at Dunkirk to make up the $100 before agreed.

Ben Rotch

11 mo 13. 1802

I have this evg rec'd a letter from Capt Gardner of which I annex a copy with a hope that I may soon have further more agreable for the Ships the Lydia Sabina is not yet arrived for Newburyport she is in the Sound detained by a NE wind, hope she may be here to morrow

The Barclay arrived yesterday left D Bay 8 mo 5 found Sp very scarce. has 50 Tons Sperm 160 Tons Wh — this will add but little to the Sabinas Cargo, or at least will fall far short of loading her, but I have

Stones Locks ready to fill her up, the Salem is insured at 4 p% this port to Milford at 3 p% & Co — I have not found the currency ame by which Gardners letter came

I am &c

Thomas Gould 11 mo 13. 1802

Thy favr of 4th inst this evg I by the packet Lydia Capt Congdon to sail next week I think we shall have the oil ready to send to York — it was my intention to have informed thee by this mail that it would be sent to My subject to thy order but not to Albany or retained there for my acct —

I am &c

11 mo 16 1802

Peter Roe Dalton

Please to pass to my Credit the inclos Check G Simpson Cashr upon your Office for Six Hundred seventy three Dollars 10 Cts dated 8 Novr — David Anthony advised me last week of having rect the $ 900 on my Acct & on the 9th inst I requested Ezra Abourn to pay the $ 200 I am to —

11 mo 16 1802

Thos Dickason & Co

Having sent a letter to you on the 10th I have only now to inform of having on the 13th drawn two small bills upon you one in favr of Robert Lovell & Co for £ 59.18.6 the other in favr of Thos Errington for £ 9.14.11 together £ 69.13.5 £ which you will please to place to

The Debit of my Brother B Rotch —

The Gr Jachum has arrived here this day from Newbury Port & her Cargo being all ready to go on board I shall dispatch her as soon as possible — I expect to-morrow to send to Jacob Barker New York a bill upon you for £500 for Acct the Columbus now loading there £200 of this you will please to place to the Debit of my Br & £300 to Acct of D D Bauqui of Dunkirk the Barclay arrived last Week from Delago Bay 50 Tons Sperm Oil & 160 of Whale Oil

I am &c

11 mo 16 1802

Josiah Bradlee

Brother Rodman I expect will write thee relative to Paddocks busines — Having now 160 Tons Whale Oil arrived I am undetermined whether to ship it on my own Acct in the Elizabeth Just in from Newbury Port or to seek a Market for it in this Country will thou inform me of the demand & price — G Howland informs me he drew upon thee £180 which I now return in my Check of this date & am obliged by thy honoring his drafts — I wish to hear what prospect thou hast in the sale of the Bohea — I am &c

Wm Stafford Jr

11 mo 19 1802

Have written thee on 6 mo 26 last & inclosed thee a bill of Exchange on Thos Denham & Co London for £116 4s 6d I am yet without any acknowledgment of its rect — The purchaser of the Farm has paid the residue & have this day rec $618 & avail myself of the 1st conveyance to inform thee thereof & now inclose thee my own bill

on S. P. D & Co for 135 £ Stg 60 at 9 hope soon
to give thee some acct of my progress with the admins-
I engaged the person who owes me the money to go to
his house last week but he was absent on a journey
I hope soon to hear from thee. I am &c

11 mo 20 1802

Joseph Foster

I feel much obliged by thy fav-
of yesterday & note the Contents but have only time to
say that apprehending all the Agents thou hast made
do not reside in Nyk & being able to designate only
two that I am certain of I have thot best to inclose
thee my dft on J Barker at 3 days for $536 perhaps thou
may think best to send the bills to Francis Thompson for
distribution - but on considering the subject thou
will be more competent to decide than I am
& if thou wishes any variation from this mode
I will freely make it. There is a prospect of still
my Exchange at 2 & 3 pc above par at Nyk & Philad
I am unwilling to draw under two at that price
I would gladly furnish the bill thou wants if thou
can do no better. Tho may recollect I mentioned
to the Cor their wishes respecting the Watches & they
all agreed they should be returned - as the Library
is a much larger collection than I have usually known
in a persons possession who is not a professional man
from my treatment of the subject with Wm it was
my expectation part of it would be given up
but - if from thy knowledge of the extent & the prac-
tice of others under the Statute it has been usual
I could agree thereto - from what W. has said to me
I apprehend he would feel best satisfied to give up a part of it
I am &c

11mo 20 1802

to P D & Co in addition

Please to honor my bill of 192 60ds in favr of Wm Stafford Jr of Cork for £135 & place the same to my Br account I am &c. 11mo 20 1802

Jacob Barker

I wrote thee I think by the first Mail in this week since which am without any of thy favours - I now inclose thee my bills on P D & Co for £500 Stg which please to dispose of & place to my Cr - I learn this day from Philada that Exchange is from 2 to 3 pCt pr - I am in want of / very good Hhd Reading & 5 hundred very thick pipe Staves if thou can procure them please send them by the Lydia I do not want the Pipes unless very good to make large ground tier Casks I have an Old Order from my Brother Benj for five pipes of Wine for his own use one of each best London Particular, Port, Sherry, Lisbon & Sonerste as I am now loading a Ship for him if thou can find some of the best quality, so imported together that the drawback can be obtained (as the probable the drawback will not amo to enough on a single Pipe to be entitled except Madeira) I wish thee to purchase it & Ship it by the Lydia I fear a later conveyance will be too late. I have this day drawn on thee in favr Jos Foster $536 & Gibbs & Delano $150 which please to pay - I am &c

Thos Gould

I now hand thee Invoice & bill
loading of 15 Casks Oil amounting to $1008 we have
put it in at the very lowest price for Cash that it
can be had for in New England or at least as far
as our knowledge extends, the time of payment is
agreeable as proposed, We have taken all possible
pains to have this of the best quality & hope it will
so prove, yet we cannot so much rely upon it as we
could if we had more cold weather before it was pressed
I am &c

Peter Roe Dalton 11Mo. 20 1802

Thy obliging favour of 18th
is rec.d & by same mail J.o. Fosh informs
me he deposited yesterday to my Credit
$845 65/100 - Capt. Benj.a Pierce of
Newbury Port holds my note of the 4th Inst.
for $1120 - due in the course of this month
and having informed that he should
send it to thee for collection I take the
liberty to inclose thee my Check for that
sum & request when thou receives the
note thou wilt deface it & send it to
me

I am &c

11 mo 18 1802

Ozie Wilkinson

Thy letter of 12 came to hand & the Hoops also by Allen - I thot I had noted at the Bottom of the letter C. C. 1. 0 but if I have the same wt of Hoops by thy scales as I sent of Iron it must be right I weighed the Iron by our Government scales & suppose them correct -

As all my New Sable Iron was Sold I have ventured to send thee 10. C. 2. Q. of Old Sable which is all I have left of either kind but what is engaged tho not all delivered - for the amo $1048.06 thou may send me thy Note at 4 mo interest after - the larger quantity I have sold was at 6 mo Interest after 4 thus is the same thing as to Cr but I obtained a better price

Iam &c

Isaac Parks

11 mo 20 1802

My many engagements have prevented my writing thee in some weeks & believe I have not done it since I rec'd thy Acct Current which I found comfortable to my books except the charge of 6 Bls Sat 10 mo 3 last Yr This I find no trace of in mine or thy Letters nor in the Packets for Bills still on thy reviewing thy books & finds it right to thy satisfaction I will Cr it also a little difference in the Charge of Comm on swifts bills which I had entered from thy enclosed bill & I suppose thy Clerk entered it without recollecting that my endorsement had taken the responsibility from thee - I have ~~taken~~ drawn several Bills on thee one some time ago viz in favr John Howland & this day in favr Charles Church for $585 & Jos Eddy $66 16/100 which I shall be obliged by thy paying - As I find Exchange has got up to 2 pct I now want to sell £2000 & agreeable to thy proposal I now inclose thee a letter with duplicate to J D & C giving thee a Cr for that amount which requests thee to sell on the best terms thou canst draw

at 60 days sight & if thou can find a trusty Person comg in in the Packet & can send me two or three Thousand Dollars in Eastern or US Paper it will be acceptable & if thou can find an easy way of remitting me 2 or 3000 more in bills on Boston or have it placed to my Cr in US Bank there it will also be agreable. I am &c

11 mo 23 1802

Thos Dickason & Co

I have this day requested my frd Isaac Hicks of New York to draw upon you at 60 days sight to the amo of ~~three~~ two Thousand Pounds when he can sell Exchange on London to advantage — As his bill appear I request you will give them due honor to that amo placing the same to the Acct of my Cr BR they being for Acct of the Ship Grand Sachem now loading here I am &c

11 mo 23 1802

Jacob Barker

I rec'd thy oblig'd favr of 18 Yesterday too late for the conveyance of that morng & duly note the contents — the Bread & Nuts are rec'd when I get a bill of them shall enter them to thy Cr — thou are right with respect to my apprehension of Oil being as or under $100 on the Barclays arrival but I then expected 6 Ships at least would be in with loads of it by this time it is yet selling in Boston at 50 ¢ — at $100 I had determined to put all the Bs into the Elizabeth for Bremen but I always mean to buy the peoples Oil in my own Ships for a persuasion that it may be worth as much to me as another person & gave them the offer of taking it at $100 on my own acct or settle it for them on the best terms I can

On receiv'g thy Letter offering me to send on 100 Tierces for the contracts thou had made I prefer it to shipping it to Europe & as it is all in Iron hoop'd Casks have set the Cooper to full bunding it with wood hoops & taking off the Iron. Capt Taber mentioned to me thy objection to its being full bound but I presume the Shippers will prefer it & I doubt not will allow the expence but this I leave to thee to settle with them. I do not know how large a tierce is in thy opinion but shall endeavor the 100 casks shall not exceed 200 lbs. 40 Casks I expect the Lydia will take to morrow & hope the Fame will take the other 60 on 5th day. This I accept of thy offer of send'g to thee to sell upon thy contract on a Comm'n & shall get 100 Casks more ready to ship by Jon'a Howlands Schooner as soon as I hear thou have contracted therefor & I shall continue to send thee whatever thou can find a market for at 50 ℔ up to 160 or 150 Tons as fast as I can get it along & thou can advise me that I may not be at the expence of Land'g & Storing. I regret I did not send my Letter of 19th by mail but have now taken it from Capt Congdon & send it with this. I am &c.

1 Mo 25. 1802

To Peter Roe Dalton

Inclosed are two drafts given Geo Simpson Cashier upon the in my favour dated 16th Instant one for Nine hundred & the other for Eleven Hundred Dollars together $2000 - which please to pass to my credit. I am

Jacob Barker 11 Mo. 27. 1802

I wrote thee p the Lydia who sailed the morning of the 25th inst with 40 Tierces Whale Oil & I have put on board Saber 60 Tierces more, to completet the 100 thou had engaged & I hope to find thou had contracted for the 190 more, which as soon as I hear shall endeavour to get them forward immediately in the Union Jonn Howland & Jacob Akin — Having none but Iron hoop'd Casks in the Ship & wood hoops provided to replace & full hoop them I shall have taken them off & hoop'd them with wood for which hope thou will obtain 175 or 200 Cents P Ton but as they are better for Security I doubt not thou will have some allowance

I am sorry to find the Columbus wants recaulking but from the appearance of her Decks & having a fine wast. I think Capn Parker must be mistaken in thinking the whole needs it. — I want a bill of the beads & Shagbarks — Henry Burroughs informs me he has drawn upon thee in favr of Greene & Tillinghast for $ 1500 which please to honour & place to my Debit — Thou will please to forward Capt Mowers thy acct against the Columbus as far as thou can compleat

it & send me a Copy — I intend to send
thee five hundred pounds more Exchange
in this if I can draw the Bills before
Saber goes — I am &c.
bills sent

Peter Roe Dalton 11 mo 27. 1802

I wrote thee two days ago & sent
thee 2 Cheks together $2000 to pay to my Cr.
& I again forward thee Gillespie's Check of
19th Inst. for $1800 - which please also to pay to me &
I am
11 mo 26. 1802

To Wm Moore

Since I rec'd Thine of 9 mo I am London
with one from our mutual frd L D B as occasion
has presented & the business required I have
corresponded with our frd
When I at first red the order I thought it
very easy to execute but I have found it
remote from that. as there are few good Ships
in the hands of such as are obliged to sell or that
could reconcile the selling a Ship at a certain
Sacrifice of $3000 or $4000 - at the time I bought
the Hector she was the nearest my wishes of
any Ship between New York & the Merimack
& expect she will sail well & being new hope she
will last long — The Columbus I am better
pleased with. as I think the Model & the Merimack
builders better than those of the Connecticut & the
wood is generally more durable - Thazard
& myself bought one last Spring of 218 Tons built
near the Hector & we found as far as we could
examine that the Materials & Workmanship
were good. We Coppered her & D W has sailed in her
for the Eastern Ocean, called the Diana

Having by the Hector sent most of the articles then ordered for both Ships I have now sent 4 Boats & Setts Oars 100 harpoons & 20 Lances & Oars Rafters just in at New York Capt Parker think ing a Spare foresail necessary I have sent him one —

Being Uneasy at the mode in which the Hector went to Sea without a Register I have procured a Copy of the former Register which I now send thee - on her returning to this Country at any being here a Register can be taken immediately out & the Ship not subjected to any disadvantages -

I am now loading the Grand Sachem of 250 Tons Coffin Whipping Mr. for my brother with Sp. & Staves I am
Inclosed is a Bill of Sale of the Columbus

11 mo 30 1802

Francis Thompson

About five weeks ago I was informed of the Creditors of W & J Dean have subscribed the Power and returned to the Assignees & immediately on ~~this~~ having the information I sent a draft to Jo Foster for the first dividend of 10 p Ct for the Creditors represented in N York on this evening he has returned me the draft & requested me to remit it to the individuals which I ~~request~~ take the Liberty of requesting thee to receive in my drafts on Isaac Hicks & deliver to those persons requesting them to send an acknowledgment thereof to Jo Foster Boston Could we have received J Andrews his second Note when it fell due we could have divided 20 p Ct but when that can be obtained is uncertain, but no exertions for the Interest of the concern I presume will be wanting by my Colleague in Boston nor on what may depend upon me I am &c

I am obliged by thy favr of 22. rec
this evening & should have been glad to have sent thee the
Russia Sheeting if I had them but they were so high
in Petersburg that A.B. did not think it would do
to send any & we had not a single piece come.
I submit entirely to thy judgment relative to the
sale of the Hemp now in Store & whenever thou
can dispose of more at $220 please let me know
as I have yet on hand between 20 & 30 Tons
Under 9 am.o Under this date at 3 days sights
I have drawn 4 bills upon thee. Alexander Sommerville $115.31
Francis Thompson . 191.3
Edm.d Morewood . . 46.88
Wm Adamson . . . 182.79
$536.
which please to pay 9 am.o

I. & M. Fisher

12mo 1 1802

I am much obliged by your favr
of 11.t & note your observations upon the prospect of
freights. The Ship I have purchased is the Elizabeth
238 Tons & a very carrying Ship for her tonnage
& yet by accounts a good Sailing Vessell she has been
but one voyage & that from Virginia to Liverpool
& will carry abt 340 Hhds Tobacco. I think she would
be too large for your purpose. As I do not wish
her early in Europe unless I had a good prospect of
freight or of purchasing part of a Cargo on my own Acct
I had rather not send her from here so early as will
be necessary to be out of the Delaware. I now contem-
plate sends her either to Norfolk to take a freight
to Charleston to load with rice on my own Acct.
If I should determine on sending her to the latter
I shall wish to send you bills of Exchange to sell
& obtain a Check on the Bank at Charleston for her
Cargo. In payment for a Ship I have bot for my
Brother I shall want to sell £1000 St.g to meet my
note in Boston the Latter part of this mt. If I send
bills to that amo.t or give you Cr on my friends

in London will it be agreable to sell them
& give me a Check on the U.S Bank in Boston
for that purpose either mode that will be most
convenient for you will be agreable to me
I am in want of a few Tons (6 to 10) of very best Pig Iron
for melting if you can send me only 4 or 5 Tons by Norton
I shall be glad of it if you cannot procure it now I wish
for 10 Tons procured at the best season as the Spring will
do for me. please to send me 6 Bbls best Flour by
Norton & I shall be obliged by your telling Capt Norton
that Z Hillman depends upon his bringg him a Ton
of Iron & some Spike Rods & requests also 200 lb Cacam
I have no conveyance yet for the Oil nor has the weather
been cold enough to press any that I can rely upon to
be the best. I have recd a Check from Capt Briggs
for $1800 & informed his Owner who is pleas'd he has obtain'd
so good a frt Yours &c

12 mo 1 1802

Arnold Wells

The Grand Sachem will be
ready for Sea in a few days with a Cargo of Oil &
Lumber amots to upwards of $25.000 in addition to what
the Co have taken upon the Ship I wish the to have insur-
made upon the Cargo at & from this port to Milford Haven
upon any sum the Co will take up to the whole. The prm
I have no doubt will be fixed as low as you do upon any
similar risk. If how can give me a line pr the return
mail it will enable me to make provision for insurance
upon the return please also to give me the prm upon
the Columbus's Cargo now about sailing for Dunkirk
from New York as I shall want some insurance
made as soon as I hear the arrd it being Slaves will
be a mail from Yours &c

11 mo 27 1802

Rathbone Hughes & Duncan

Owing to unavoidable circumstances it is but within 10 days that the business of Wm Gedney Esq has been brot so far to a point as to authorize Agents to receive & devide any of their Property Jos Foster of Boston & myself have been appointed for that purpose & have just recd powers from the Creditors to receive their surrender & give them an acquittance — the former is done as to $P Ct recd & ordered for distribution & at the close of the year all the debts will fall due but doubtfull if the whole will be punctually paid — another dividend I hope will be speedily recd of at least the same amo All the accts are closed with interest up to the 1st of 1 mo 1803 which makes your claim $3722/100 the first dividend of $372 12/100 I now remit to you in my bill on S D & Co at 60 days for £83..15 — If no top attends the Collection of the few debts remaing I hope the Estate will nearly or quite pay 100 I am &c

New Bedford 12 Mo. 3. 1802

Jacob Barker

I duly rec'd thy two Letters of 24th & this day Copy of 30th to Mosher, covering thy Acct relative to ship Columbus together with Invoices of Sundries to Isaac Mosher & Buffington, all which I have duly entered — having found them all right except the Invoices of the Columbus which if I have cast them right must be a little wrong either in the casting or quantities I make the Amo $3308-90 instead of 3309-86 after copying it I intend to send it back that

it may be corrected – & I will make my books conformable to what thou finds wright – I am glad thou has obtained payment for the hull binding the Bill – and hope the Fame arrd in season to fulfill the Contract – As thou gave me the Offer of sending thee that Bill to sell on my Acct. expressly on a Comn. of 2½ P Cent (if I read thy letter right) I expected that would be satisfactory, with the prospect of selling for me if thou could at the same price 140 or 150 Tons – The goodness of the Office was my only inducement to break the quantity as I expected with that & the Deanas (who may be expected in all this month) to have made up a Cargo, which was also the wish of bro. Rodman, he & myself have now an order from Europe (& had at that time) for a Cargo that will warrant our giving $ 110. which with our Comm. brings it up to $ 115.50 – which together with the benefit of a freight for the Elizabeth, I fear will not at all be counterwaitd – upon the 100 tierces sent thee I shall probably clear 120 Dollars in addition to what it was worth to Ship upon our order, where I should have had the benefit of the freight for a Ship that

I am now at a loss what to do with & by it they Com[n] amounts to upwards of $90 — had they limits been 46 Cents I should have have no Idea of sending it as I declined sending it to Brabee upon his encouragement of £35 (which is about 46 Cents) and he afterwards wrote me he had 36 offer'd for all he had afloat but declined it — While I sincerely regret the disappointment to many of my friends by the Ships failing of returning at the season we had a right to expect them, I feel willing to share in the benefit of a good price which I confess is beyond my expect=ation — After premising what I have written, I submit to they judgment —

I have entertained no apprehension that M & B were in expectation of a Com[n] upon the ~~con~~ unpleasant business of the Rectors purchase — Yet I ~~accordingly~~ acknowledge to thee it has ever been my intention when their business was closed to C[o] they account as much as 1¼ p Cent would amount to on the sum they supposed they should have purchased her at but as I conceived they had no claim I supposed myself at liberty to do as I pleased: but if from any thing of this kind has transpired from me J. M. has had

reason to expect it — I must leave it for thee to manage as may seem most easy to thy own mind — I do not find the balast Credited, has the Acct been settled any other way? did Parker take the long boat with her has thou made sale of the Hectors Boat & Yawl —

The bill I advise thee of having drawn in favour of Joseph Foster for $536 will not appear as I have since cancled it

I hope the Lydia will soon be along as the Sachem I hope will sail on the 8th

By Jacob Akins in the Harmony I intend to morrow to put on board & send thee about 100 Bls more of Oil — which hope thou will be able to sell at 50 ℔ out of the Vessel —

I am &c

I have a letter from Abm Arnold Amsterdam 9 mo 13 soon intending for England

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Tolco Folger Jr 12 mo 4

By Borden Chase brother I send thee a bundle of Gold as invoiced at foot amt $593.32 which please to to place to my Cr to meet a Check of mine to Prince Coleman's wife for $606 25/100.

The Gold is mostly from thy Mark. brot me this Evening by Mr Coffin some of the others do not agree with the figures here — & I suspect by yese you will are worn too light — I am

1 bundle	—	45.80
4 do ea	30.51	122.04
2 do	30.59	61.18
10 do	30.55	305.50
1 do	~~30.4~~	30.44
1 de		28.36
19		593.32

Jacob Barker 17 Inst. 6. 1802

I wrote thee pretty fully on the 3rd Inst. Mark Coffin who went Post Stage this morning & will probably reach thee on 5th day as soon as this. I now inclose thee Invoice of 56 Casks more whale Oil ship. & Skin which hope will meet a sale without any additional expence than the freight which is 33/3 Cents P barrel — I hope the Lydia will be here tomorrow as I hope the Grand Sachem will sail on 4th Day — On looking over my letter by M.C it occur'd that I did not fully explain my having wrote thee that Oil was selling in Boston at 50/. I had a letter from Bradlee perhaps on 18th Inst. saying he had sold all the Oil on had for one or two weeks before at 50/ 90 days & had not enough to supply the demand & then had rec'd 200 Bbls which he asked that price but determined to sell at 36/ — That thou may see thy sale was not abundantly more than thou I had reason to expect & if thou had as I wrote written to thy father if I declined either of thy propositions to have sent to Nantucket for the Oil his judgment might have determined which way best. but observe that my oil was ready for Taber one day only after he was ready for it, & he saved but one day of the two weeks thou limited & there

is no probibility he could have gone to
nantucket & reached New York in season
I mean now to leave ~~now~~ this subject &
leave thee to do ~~it~~ just what thou thinks
right, determined therewith to be content
— I hope thou will keep me advised of
the prospect for sale of Oil as I shall want
after the 20th to determine upon the
Elizabeth & as I want funds in Europe
think it will be best to put in 100 Tons
of Oil into her & send her to Charleston
to fill up with rice Rice on my own
account Brewer — when thou finds more
tax afloat — I wish the to send me from 10
to 60 barrels as thou can find moderate
freights — Mosher has del.d his &
Buffington has arrived this afternoon —

I am &c.

Benjamin Rotch

11 mo 30 1802

Since I wrote thee & sent Copies of
Capt. Gwins Letter the bearer of it has called upon me
with a bill drawn by thy three Capts with Letters of
advice for $1212 on Interest which I paid to Joseph Espinasa
he was sent out by Blas Rodrigues a merchant of Lima
to collect money advanced to American Ships —
Espinasa informed me he left on 9 of 7 mo that the morn
of that day Gardner recd his papers & was to sail immedi
ately that he expected the others would hear of their release in
two days as their cases were considered similar that it was
Gwins determination to make the best of his way home
& trust to the taking Whales on the Brazil Coast to
fill him up — it will prove a more succesful event

if they should be released & I hope before this reaches thee Gwinn will be arrived —
The Barclay Oil turns out short of our expectations & so much of it Brown that I dare not send — that we do not make up quite 120 Tons for the Sachem The Renown Alpheus Coffin arrived last week with 1000 Bbls Sperm & 600 whale this is the only Island Ship expected this season — one half of his Sperm I find the owners keep to manufacture themselves & R Mitchell purchased many of the Shares on arrival about 40 Tons remained for sale & for that Obed Mitchell has offered £62 & it was held for a higher price & as I could not get it without going perhaps to £220 & detaining the Ship a week or two longer have abandoned it & am filling up the Ship with Staves Cord-Wood & Empty Casks — We got all but 2 Casks of the Oil on board to day & I expect a Cargo of Staves in season to fill her up — She has now on board 1800 bbl & 6 pm excellent White Staves (New York) those I expect are Carolina from Acoaper — I sent to NYk to get the order completed for Wines but could not find them so imported together as to save the drawback & none will be sent — I must pursue the last plain in meaning as I cannot find any Fishermen to go, & am obliged to give them in 30 Dollars by the Peace to discharge the Ships in Milford — which is the best possible at this time Strain'd body Oil is now selling at 95 Cents & press'd from head Matter 112½ Cts & the quantity in the Country so small that these prices are like to be supported — Capt. Randall returning from Nantucket with an Offer of £62.10. for his Oil & £92.10 for head Matter I am obliged to give it for the peoples Shares rather than deprive the Sachem

Off the Oil and have put the Barclays at that price altho' I know I could do better with it. Whale Oil in Boston & New York is selling at $ 120 this brings to my mind the 16,000 lb whale bone sent thee in the Wareham, I wish thou would inform me what has become of it 12 mos the Staves not arriving from Andover until late this afternoon we had nearly filled up the Ship with 8 Cords Wood & 52 Empty Casks could take but about 3 m. Lumber of all kinds are very high in this Country as I dare not detain the Ship to sheath her we procured half inch boards in Newbury Port for that purpose & a quantity of Merchantable D° we took in there for the safety of the Ballast intend to take them out here if I could do better for thee which not being the case they are between Decks 23000 Bricks were also in her when purchased & bought for Ballast 7/6 p m & as the Ship requires much Ballast to stiff we have stowed down about 15 m of them supposing they would be as Valuable to thee as to land them here without a market for them she has also considerable Ballast left in her and is not deep. All thy furniture is on board that thou ordered except the Cradle which thou ordered to. Finding it impracticable to procure the proper kind of men I have done the best I could as I believe Whipple has in getting his Officers his Chief Mate I should have rejected as 2nd Mate if we could do better he is brother in law to Whipple but will not do for thee having been M. his drunkenness has reduced him & W. ships him 2nd mate but could not procure one for 1st mate I hope the Wareham will be in & thou will find some one in her that will supply his place. The Beef & Pork I have put up here of very good quality & as Land is very plenty & dull have thought it best to send it to thee one fortnight they will probably use on

294 board in Jars — a Barrell of poor
Cranberries & a bbl Shagbarks I request by acceptance
of — Please to inform Cousin Daniel Starbuck
that I have paid Robert Weir the £100 he requested —
I could not get any of Pilot Boats builders to build
a boat for them & conclude to send one new last
Spring & one little used — this with Sails oars & masts
with Copper costs $100 — Whale Boats cost us $50
I am &c —
13 the Sachem sailed the 9th the morning after
I finished the preceding & must have had a
fine time off the Coast. they went off in a
great hurry, & left several articles design'd
for them 1666 flour was the most material
I shall close her accounts as soon as I can
collect & few bills & forward perhaps with
this — I put in a barrel of Coffee & ¼ Chest of
Tea which I forgot to put in the Bill
Lading — & also I believe omitted making in
the Invoice of Oil Nos 236, 37, 38, 398 240 were
strained Oil all the Other in its natural
state — Replying ~~—~~ upon one of our
boat builders who had engaged two loads
of ~~boat~~ timbers Staves Knees &c for the Ship
I was disappointed of them — The Columbus
Jon. Parker sailed from new York on the 2nd
for Dunkirk I have not yet in my power
to forward her accounts but shall soon do it
I find I also forgot 20 barrels Tar to put in the
Invoice & Bill Lading & to mention to Thee
that owing to the basket of a Clock breaking
a Cask of Oil was lost in taking in No 19 —
I do not know that any blame was to be
attached to Capt Whippey as I supposed the rope
appeared sufficient — we endeavoured to save some
by pumping the Ship but could not obtain many gallons

Arnold Welles Esq^r 12 m^o 7. 1802

I am this Evening obliged by thy favour of the 4^t Inclosing a Policy upon the G. Sachem for the sum I wished & now return my note sign'd for the Premium which is satisfactory — The Ship & Cargo is Wholly my Brothers & it was intention in me that I did not mention it Thou will therefore please to make the endorsements thereof on the Record —

I am &c

I expect the Sachem to sail the day after to morrow —

Peter Roe Dalton 12 m^o 8. 1802

I will thank the to Collect & place to my Credit the enclosed draft In^o Fenwas on G^o Blake Esq^r for $ 420 a 3 days sight New York December 3^d —

I am &c

Thomas Dickason & Co 12 m^o 7. 1802

Since my last respects I have rec^d none of your Esteemed favours & am pleased to inform you that the Grand Sachem will be ready for Sea to-morrow or the day following with only 120 Tons Sperm Oil Staves &c — I have drawn another Bill on you in favr of Barker for the Loading the Ship Columbus of £500 27^th Ult^o this I request may be plac'd as I requested the other £500 Viz^t £300 to L D B. & 200 £ to my C^r BR, I also request you will honor my Bill in favr Rathbone Hughes & Duncan

for £83.15.- of 27 Ult & place wholly to my Brother. I expect a bill fr Geo Howland or Thos he will request you to place to my Cr near £200 Capt Taber of his Brig George has remitted to you and H Battleston has promised me above 200 £ more as soon as he hears of your being in Cash from the Kingston frs. that I hope soon to remit the balance of my Acct, and shall very probably have again to ask the favour of my Petersburg friends Valuing on you towards another Cargo, As I have the Elizabeth a Ship of 240 Tons to send there to Load back The Columbus I hear sailed from N York on the 2d Inst for Dunkirk loaded principally with Staves, Jona Parker Master, By Br Direction I have had the Ship & Cargo insured here, I must also request your honoring my bill of this day in favr of Wm L Wall for £100 ~~Stg~~ & place to my Brothers Acct

Jam[s]

Joshua & Thomas Gilpin

N York 11. Mo. 11. 1802

your favour of 29th Ult to the late house of W Rotch Jr & Co. I received last evening & wish your proposition for ~~Engla~~ Exchange had been such as to warrant my selling — In Boston they are about 1 ℔ Cent above par for those of undoubted Credit rather than sell there I have sent mine to New York where they procure 2 ℔ Cent — ½ ℔ Cent I give for selling them which makes them net me only 1½ — my brother Rodman has engaged our mutual friends S & M F to sell for him at 3 ℔ Cents & I suppose he will not

draw until he can obtain that - as I have depended upon selling £100 to meet a payment in Boston about the end of this month I conclude to inclose two sets for £600 & £100 in this letter drawn in favour of R. M. F. on Thomas Dickason & Co. subject to your taking them at 1/2 Cent or delivering them to our said Friends for sail on my Acct with this exception that they receive 1/2 Cent of you or me as they may determine the Course of Exchange to be & if on their coming to hand 1/2 it too high for the market I leave it to them to determine the price for their Amount. I wish a Check may be remitted in season for me to pay it in Boston in all this months — I am &c

12 mo. 13 1802

Josiah Bradlee

I am much obliged by thine of 4th & 7th and am not distressed at Capt Tabers reproaches, it was what I expected whenever I compelled him to pay my demand I have charged thee with $ 69.81. this was about the principal of the note. & I suppose thou did not observe that I paid the first endorsement of upwards of $ 10.10 Cents. being the Costs of a suit against Taber was first included in the note & a few days afterwards demanded of me & then endorsed but its now too late I conclude to recover it back - as I can expect no honour from Taber from his former Conduct & I feel glad to get the principal — & thank thee for thy

trouble therein. The sum of the Note was $ 69.75. I have been seeking in vain for a vessel to take a Cargo of whale Oil to thee & the season has become so boisterous that I fear I shall not accomplish it please to inform me if the size of Casks make any material difference in your market. I have a large proportion of large Casks in our Cargo.

we have not yet make any Candles but shall send thee some by hand when we do

I am

John Ritchie

12 mo 13. 1802

Having purchased a Ship at Newbury-port of Capt Benjn Pierce I have endorsed thy Note to him in payment & am informed that he will leave it for Collection in U S Bank. I have had considerable Exchange sold in N Yk lately at 2 ⅞ Ct for drawn at 60 days. there I give ¼ pCt for Selling. if thou wants another Thousand Pounds & will give me what thou have noted say 1 ½ perhaps I can make it convenions to take thy note at 60 days with Interest is more agreable to thee. I am &c.

Thomas Dickason (continued from page 296)

12 mo 14. 1802

The Grand Sachem (Whippey) sailed on the 9th for Milford and I have since on the 11th drawn again upon you in favr of Samuel & Miers Fisher two bills £600 & £400 at 60 Days these are likewise upon Account of my my brother B. R. to whose account please to place them. I have this evening recd your obliging favour of the 6th October & we relieved of some anxiety respecting the fate of the bill drawn on Grant & Co for all the I felt full confidence in your protection provided the

knowledge reached you, yet the possibility of Grant & Co. taking some exceptions at the business being changed into your hand - I feared they might not wish to prevent their being dishonored.

I feel much obliged by your care therein & pray you my sincere thanks. - My brother I doubt not has fully explained to you why half the bills drawn for the Ships purchased by the Orders of Capt. Wm Moores were to be placed to his Acct. not mine as your letter mentions (which I suppose was not meant or expressed in your last letter) - I shore for the Amount of the Hector's cargo were ordered - I have since rec'd his orders to consider the bills only 2/3 on his Acct & have requested them so placed for the two bills of £500 each drawn in favour of Jacob Barker - I sincerely hope from the line in your letter that the Causes in the Admiralty respecting R. Hazards claims may be shortly determined

My brother has assured me that for the Purchase of a Ship for him & for her Cargo you would accept my bills besides those Bills I have advised you drawn by myself for the greater convenience of negociation I have given Isaac Hicks a letter of Credit upon you to draw Two Thousand pounds for my brothers Acct.

The Grand Sachems Cargo Amounts to about $ 28,000 & Ship with expences upon her for her future outfit at $ 11.600 premium of insurance inclosed as the whole is covered here - the Ship was purchased at 2 & 4 months and until the last payment whole becomes due in all the 2d month until the whole becomes due I shall omit drawing if I can as I expect make out the first payments - I must continue to draw when I can find purchases for all but

ab. £2000 the first Cost of the Ship

The Columbus' Accounts including her Cargo will pace short of £1400 Stg. besides her first Cost which was $ 10500. payable in 4th Month next between £300 & £400 I shall probably draw on her Account.

Jam & C

Samuel Bowne 12 Mo. 14. 1802

I have this Evening rec'd. information that O Cain having been in Boston with property there is a probability of the bill drawn by O Cain & accepted by Jas Stewart being paid - that bill I think I returned to thee last year - & I recommend thy sending it speedily to Levenport & Tucker Boston who gave their Assurances they will use their endeavours to secure it

Jam & C

Abraham Barker 12 Mo. 7. 1802

a few days since I had the pleasure of receiving thy first date from Amsterdam 9 mo. 13 after thy return from the Great City of Moscow some little account of thy journey with that of so retired a City would have been gratifying, hope however I shall have the pleasure of hearing it from thy own mouth before long - I was pleased to find thou contemplated being soon in England where I hope this will reach thee by Capt. Whipple of the Grand Sachem of 250 Tons bought at Newbury Port for my brother for $ 9000 at that Port thro' the Agency of Geo Howland I purchased the Columbus of 287 Tons for $ 10,500 for Capt. Moses Jones Parker goes Master of her and she sail'd from N York 2nd Instant G & C. likewise bought me there the Elizabeth of 238 Tons for $ 8500 all three of them have performed but one voyage & very good Ships. The latter I intend for the Russian Trade

& propose for thee to hold a quarter
provided thou continues of the mind & has a
prospect of returning to this Country to take
part of the care off me - at this time I have much
felt the want of some assistance, G. S. was out
of his apprenticeship in the summer but has
been very helpful to me this fall W. L. S. who
was married on 25th Ult. left us next Day with his
bride his father bro.t James S. & Rodman for
Philad.a - these circumstances with the Business
I have had to do this fall has kept me more closely
engaged than I have been for 7 years - The
Barclay arrived on the 12th Ult. from Delagoa with
400 Sperm & 1300 bls whales & so leaky as to keep
one pump at work all the time the latter part of
the Voyage - owing to the worms going through
her bottom, some of her Sheathing coming off her
wales are almost wholly rotten & she is under repair

I am now on the 14th having begun this Letter to
go by Whipsey but pushing him off after friends
collected for Quarterly Meeting, I was so much
engaged I could not finish it - I have run off
most of our Russia Goods low except about 35 Tons
hemp which I sold at 210 Dolls the Ton could
get only $ 97½ to $ 100 p Ton - & since I sold the
Duck at $ 17 & $ 18 it has advanced beyond that
in Boston - I conclude 500 p.s would have done
well but when it arrived I was glad there was
no more. the fabrick is much approved.

Capt Woodbury seemed to claim fr.t for 50 Tons
& if it is thy belief he ought to have it provided
he missed no other opportunity of taking more
on freight, I will remit to his owner the differance

My plan for the Elizabeth is not fully fixed
it seems to lay between two, either to go to Norfolk for
Tobacco at 50/ supposed to take 340 hhd or to load

100 Tons Whale Oil at $110 ℔ Ton 90 to Charleston to fill up with Rice on owners Account for Breming — I shall soon conclude, & if they choice to take the Concern generally please to let me know it — I have not engaged a Master wishing the arrival from the Mediteranian of Capt. Crocker to take her his return is so uncertain that I think it necessary to have one soon —

I shall indose this to J D & Co in expectation of its meeting thee in England — If thou foresees any advantage in having any purchases made in Russia this winter, thou may order it & request our London Friends to accept therefor — I mean to provide funds for the whole Cargo of £6000 or £7000 Stg. either in the Cargo of the Elizabeth or in bills on London if any more is to be calculated upon our Antwerp Speculation it may be added. —

Yours &c

Leonard Smith

12 Mo. 17. 1802

As my first note for $4500 will fall due 28th Inst. I have the money now in United States Bank ready to pay it — I understood by Geo. Rowland that it would be agreeable to thee to have my note there for Collection and if I do not hear from thee in course of next week I intend by Mail that reaches Boston on the evening of 27th send a Check to the Cashier to take it up — I shall be obliged by thy mentioning to Capt. Pierce that near a month since I sent a Check to the Cashier to take up my note to him & informed him by letter thereof but have not heard from him nor the Cashier respecting my note — It should be convenient for me

to pay the last note early in next month will it be thy Choice to receive it discounting the interest — I am &c

the Sachem Sailed on the 9th for Milford

Peter Roe Dalton.

12 Mo 21 1802

I now forward thee G Simpsons Check dated 10th inst in favour of Thos Gilpin endorsed to me for $420 Which please to pass to my Credit & I hope before the end of the week I shall receive another Check that will render it unnecessary to have the note dicounted as proposed in my last. — I am &c —

Prond & Thurston

12 mo 16 1802

I have taken the Liberty to address to you this day per the Hoop Laurel Capt Eben Rogers about 220 Bbls Wheat Flt in 69 casks mostly in small bbls which I apprehend will be most saleable your attention to do the best for my interest in the sale of it I have no doubt. I have lately had 100 large casks sold in N York at 50¢ pr Bl at 60 dt I flatter myself that at this late season of the year you will be able to do as well for me at Baltimore but I submit to your judgment to sell it when you think you think you can obtain the best price observing that I do not wish it held over the Cold weather as it will be subject to much leakage & expence in warm weather By Capt Rogers (who returns here with a Cargo of Flour) I wish you to ship me 60 or 80 bbls Flour as at foot observing that if the sale of the Oil will not meet payment for the Flour to omit the 20 bbls Fine as I only

stand in need of the Other, for a whaling Ship x & burr middlings cannot be had at less than x brand or not easily obtained the 60 barrels may be x. I crave your attention that this quality may be of good grain condemned for its want of fineness & not of quality of grain as I want it for a long voyage part to carry in flour & partly to bake into bread. I shall be glad to hear from you by post on rect of this with price & demand for Whale Oil & price of Flour as also that of Hemp as I have 20 or 30 Tons of excellent quality that I hold here at $210.

20 Bbls Fine Flour
30 Do. x brand
30 Do burr Middlings
10 Do Kiln dried Indian meal prepared in White Oak light barrels or Hogsheads if barrels cannot be had good thick Rum Hogsheads answer the purpose well)
a more Capt Rogers wanting more Oil to secure his hold I have made up the quantity to 90 Casks x Bbls

Yours
James

Peter Roe Dalton. 12 Mo 25 1802

I am much obliged by thy letter of 22d but find I need not avail myself of a discount upon the note proposed if I do not receive this evening from Phila a draft upon thee, I shall inclose my Brother Norman's Check on Union Bank for $1250 — which I think will more than meet my check which I now inclose thee for $4500 — for the purpose of taking up my note to Leonard Smith for that sum — by thy observing it fell due on the 26th — I suppose I have not been so attentive as I ought to have been having constantly looked towards the 28th for 12 months but conclude the note is at 60 days — However

hope no inconvenience has arrisen if it has occasioned any I am willing to make compensation.

I am &c

Inclosed Isaac Hicks Check on Union Bank N York 12 Nov 3 } $733-33
Sam[l] Rodman D[o] on do this day 516-67
$1250

Peter Roe Dalton 12 Mo. 27. 1802

I have now the pleasure of inclosing thee Ge[o] Simpkinson Cashiers draft on thee for $ 1133 33/100 which I expect last week but did not receive it until this evening — I however remitted by last mail two Checks on Union Bank which placed to my credit sufficent to meet my note for which at same time I sent thee my Check to cancil

I am &c[a]

Charles Samuel & George Enderby 12 Mo. 29. 1802

Last evening I rec[d] Copy of your favour of 13 th Oct[r] (original not yet rec[d]) and duly observe your wish to have 20 to 30 tons Spermaceti Oil shipped for your account if it can be purchased at or under £41 Stg. I should be pleased to execute this order if it was in my power but the small Succes of our fishermen the last season, added to the very great increase of the use of that kind of Oil in this Country has offered a very quick demand for all that has been brought to Market this season at $200 or £45 Stg. & the two last arrivals late in the fall

advanced the price up to $210 – Very little is now in the import on hands & no prospect of the price lessening before next fall, nor then, unless greater quantities should be bought in than we have reason to expect from the accounts already received – The late high price of Tallow & introduction of the Patent lamps has brought Sp. Oil into very general use in America that without great Succes should attend the Fishery, the Consumption at home will keep the price up – Should you continue your Order to the next fall, & it should be down to your Limits you may depend upon every attention being paid to promote your Interest therein. I am &c

Samuel Eliot

Bost. 19. 1807

Since we began our pressing Head matter I have had no conveyance for the two casks of Oil thou ordered Capt. Norton now stopping on his way from Philadelphia offers one by him it is now sent Amo to thy debit as at foot & this I hope in quality will meet thy wishes having taken care to send the best the season affords – It will be agreeable to me the amount to be placed to my Credit in the Bank whenever convenient or any other mode thou may choose

I am &c

Thomas Dickason & Co

N York 30 - 1802

I have already written you by the Lewis Capt. Orr viz Bristol under date the 14th Instant accompanied by duplicate of mine of 7th by the Grand Sachem Capt Whipple who sailed on the 12th The sailing of the Lewis being retarded until New Years day I have expectation of this also going by that ship — In mine of the 14th I mentioned to you the Orders my brother gave me to Value upon you for the Amount of the Ships & Cargo I should procure for him — but at that time I did not expect to draw for the first payment of the Ships which falling due last week; I have paid — but having now fixed upon the Ship Elizabeth Alicia Belano Master going to Charleston to fill up with Rice & Cotton for Bremen after puting in near 100 Tons of Whale Oil To provide funds for that purpose I find myself under necessary to avail of that first payment, together with the balance that is yet due me for expences upon the grand Sachem & her Cargo, & as by having my bills sold in Philadelphia (when the exchange is also in favour) I can probably procure drafts upon the U.S. Bank in Charleston I have concluded to give my friends Samuel & Miers Fisher of Philadelphia a Letter of Credit to draw upon you for my account — Thirty ~~days~~ four hundred pounds Sterling & I solicit your honouring their draft to that amount & placing the same to my brother Benjamin Polck

Acct — & I shall esteem it an additional favour if you will on receipt of this write those friends that you will accept their bills to that amount for altho they are very Correct in their business & one of them a brother in Law to my wife yet some peculiarities in their Characters makes me wish they may receive earlier information of their signature being respected than through the channel of their own correspondence — I have written to my friend A Barker that if any favourable occasion occurs during the winter to make any advantageous purchases in Petersburg I wished him to request your aid for my account therein It is my expectation in the Cargo of the Elizabeth out to provide funds adequate to the loading her back

I am &c

Samuel & Mars Fisher

17 Mr. 30. 1802

Capt Norton arrived on the 28th & delivered the flour & Stockings as p bill in brother Fishers letter of 13th £18.17 to your Credit & I feel much obliged by brother's attention thereto — Your obliging favour of 21st also reached me the same evening but the Mail was too late in to acknowledge the receipt by the returning mail — In that letter I received the Cashiers draft on US Bank Boston for forty five hundred thirty three Dollars 33/100 the gross amount of my two bills on J Dickason & Co together £1000 Stg in your favour sent to J & T Silpin for your attention — Therein I am much obliged and with you had retained your Commission

for selling the same this you will please to charge to my Account — You may depend upon our care not to recommend any one to ask your endorsements upon their bills this without your hint I presume we should never have thought of. considering it a favour in your doing it & an accommodation superior to selling them in New York on account of having our money so early deposited in Boston — I have still a further favour favour to ask of you which as it may be attended with more trouble to you than the business you have already done for Brother Roaman & self, I shall request your charging such Commission as you may think right — I expect the Ship Elizabeth Abishai Delano master to sail for Charleston next week there to load or finish her loading with Rice & Cotton for Bremen in Addition to the money & bills I send in her I have reserved Three thousand four hundred pounds Stg to draw on J. Dicason & Co London at 60 Days sight I shall be very much obliged by your drawing that sum as occasion may offer at a premium that you may at any time approve — I shall be satisfied & if you can procure drafts on the US Bank in Charleston, I wish you may send on One draft as soon as convenient for six thousand Dollars to Ogden & Maxwell for my Account & afterwards two other drafts payable to Ogden & Maxwell or Abishai Delano inclosed to Capt. Delano & the letter directed to the care of O & M. the $ 10,000 I want to be at the disposal of Capt Delano & if any accident should

happen to him I shall by the Ship Order O & M. to open Delano's letter & receive the Money

I have written T B & Co by a Ship to sail from Boston on the 1st Next Month upon this subject & also inclose your two Letters of Credit to them & feel no Doubt but they will duly honour your bills to this Amount — Should you not be able to forward Drafts from Charleston from O & M on Capt Delano who will be advised to draw provided you inform them by Post that the remittance cannot be made then the Bonds please collect & place to my Credit the inclosed drafts Stephen Havens on Jos Warder Parker & Co for £ 106 5/100 dated New Providence Oct 7 in favour E Pope Esq & by him endorsed in blank — if not immediately paid at 30 days sight it is requested to be holden under promise of not being protested

I am & Co

Peter Roe Dalton

mr 1. 1803

I am thro ever obliged by thy favour of 31st Ult acknowledging Receipt of the Cashier dft for $4533 35/100 & now have to request the Collection of the above dft Thos P Kettell on John Rice or demd of this date for $340 and also Stead & Amorys Acceptance on the 1st for $1000 Thos Gimbal & Co dft to Vincent Langdon Savannah 25th Octr endorsed by him & John Jubel & Co & to me by J Hicks Co at sight, I hope Bartlett & Co note is paid I am &c

Oliver Wolcott

Have in contemplation to send my Ship Elizabeth A Delano Master to Charleston to fill up the Ship with Rice - I have taken the Liberty to request my Bros I & M Fisher of Philad[a] to remit to you a Bill on U S Bank for $5000 presuming you will be willing to receive it & on the Ships arrival lay it out in Rice for her Cargo charging me a Comm[n] of 2½ p[r] Ct. Capt Delano I hope will be ready to sail in all next week. Should any Letters for him come to your care I shall be oblig[d] by your holding them in safety for his arrival. On rec[t] of this I shall be obliged by your reply by Post or otherwise informing of the price of Rice & Cotton & if its probable the Ship could obtain any Cotton on frs for Bremen also if I should not be able to procure Bills on the Bank if Bills can be negociated without Loss on Phila or N York. I am &c

Arnold Welles

N London 13. Jan[y] 1803

I have this moment discov[d] that I have neglected to attend to the time my Note fell due for Premium upon Ships & America - If I had been noticed I would have paid at the time - I ask thy excuse & now inclose thee my check for $302.50 Cts. Int. - My Brothers three Captains drew upon me Jn Sena July 6 for $1212 with Interest to pay their expences during their trials - the Shannah & Eliza was then

cleared the fate of the other two were expected in two days — That sum I suppose the Underwriters ought to pay but it will require some Adjustment — I doubt not however they will be liberal as they wrote upon those Ships under the idea of their being British ones & had a prem^m there for — when the Cap^s have proved them ~~the~~ American Ships —

Yours &c

Isaac Hicks — 1 Mo. 7th 1803 —

I am obliged by thy two favours of 21st & 28 Ult^o and am well satisfied with thy sale of the Exchange say together £1999 Stg and the Acceptance of Read & Amory for four ~~hundred~~ thousand Dollars which have no doubt will be duly paid — Thy Acct Current I find agrees with my Books within one or two Dollars have not yet had leisure to examine where the error is — doubt not I shall find it in my books — I do not know what to say respecting the Stamps & submit to thy judgement to sell it when thou thinks it best for my interest & therewith I shall be satisfied — Some Germans Goods (Bretannias) I am now about sending to Charleston to try the Market if it succeeds it may do to send the others in thy hands there — Since the closing thy Acct Current I have drawn or probably thou hast had presented two more orders to George Howland & Cha^s Tobey $ 500 & $ 100 — which

will now be to thy Credit in new
Acct.

Jam &c

Jacob Barker 1 Nov. 7. 1803

I am obliged by thy two favours of 27th & 29th ult. which accompanied Invoice of Staves & Bread & the Lydia formerly & also one this time of Meat & Bread all which are to thy Credit — I am sorry the Rectors long boat is lost I recollect after the ship sail'd I understood Thee that the Long boat was in safe Keeping of a man at the Ship Yard but that the yawl was missing when thou left New York but the Keeper knew it & would look it up — perhaps I was mistaken & it was the Long boat that was missing — The Rector arrived 10 Nov 6 I forgot to mention it to Thee — I intend sending Thee some Candles soon have just began making them — I am sorry the dispute has arisen respecting the sale of the Ballast I certainly supposed it was sold for $55 when thou informed me half a Crown — I conceive we have no such Character of money in this Country that is fictitious — and that candour would determine it the real half Crown of England or France — I hope thou will get the anchor last by the Columbus — I have rec.d the Britannias & intend sending them to Charleston by the Elizth to Sail next week — I shall be in want of 20 barrels Tar Very soon wish Thee to send me 10 barrels by the first Vessels & if found afloat send me 20 or 30 barrels or even 40 barrels

Jam &c

Ebenezer Stoker Nov. 11. 1803

I think my note for the Ship Columbus will be on Interest after the 21st of the present Month. & if agreeable to thee & the concerned, I wish to take it up at that time if I knew where to find it it will be most agreeable to me to pay it at US Bank Boston, where I now have & soon shall have that sum to my Credit but if not convenient to send it there for collection - I shall be obliged by thy information by return of Post, as I shall in that case request a friend of mine to take the money in Boston & carry to Newbury Port in this case I cannot expect to meet it by the 21st (or I fear not) but shall do it as speedily as possible - I have no doubt if agreeable to receive it in Boston, I may pay the whole by the 21st or if more convenient to thee thou may rely upon six thousand Dollars as soon as I can send my Check after hearing from thee as its now in Bank $4000 Accept once of Head & Amory falling due 29th this Month where I suppose Grace will be asked - would accomodate me better paying the interest than to pay the whole at the time but if it will not answer thy purpose as well as I will endeavour to meet it at the time

Iam &C

1 mo 12 1803

Arnold Sweet & Co

Craving reference to the contents of my letter of 4 mo 5th last year since which I have not heard from you relative to Bowens business nor the proceeds of the Candles you sold for me p Sales dated 24 January 1801 amounting them to $389 37/100 I have now to request you will honour my draft of this day in favour of Abisha Delano for that Sum and two years Interest as the Money has been retained for your own accommodation I doubt not you will consider it just it should be added — This Money will be wanted at Charleston where I am now sending the Ship Elizabeth to Load and I hope you will accommodate the payment there if requested — I Solicit your attention to inform me the State of Bowens business and if any Money is realised from it, you will particularly oblige me by remitting it to to Capt Abisha Delano of the Elizabeth at Charleston

I am &c

Ogee & Maxwell

1 mo 13 1803

I wrote you on the 1st of this Month p the Olympus Capt Allen who I understand has since concluded to go to Newyork of course I expect this will be handed you first by Capt A Delano of the Ship Elizabeth who goes to Charleston to finish her Loading for Europe I have taken the Liberty to request my frds D & M Fisher of Philada to remit to you for my acct in a Check on your Bank $5000 presuming you will be willing to lay it out for me for the Cargo of the Elizabeth at 2½ pCt Capt Delano will consult with you and conclude whether to purchase therewith Cotton (Upland) or Rice and I request your doing it after such consultation as he may find most convenient — Should it not be practicable to procure Checks on the Bank I must depend upon drafts upon my said Friends in Philada at short sights or a part upon J Hicks Newyork where my funds are placed and they will be provided to meet them should this event take place. Capt Delano may require some assistance to negociate his Bills and you may rely if he draws

himself or advises my friends to accept your drafts that they will meet due honour — In a few days I expect to be informed relative to this remittance and if the mode I wish fails I shall immediately for their acceptances and advise you by Post S & M & I have already my request to advise you if they fail of obtaining the Cashiers drafts — I expect those friends will also enclose to your care Letters to Capt Delano which you will please deliver to him Any advice or assistance it may be in your way to render Capt Delano will be gratefully received by your respectful friend

(W R & C)

1 mo 12 1803

Capt Elisha Delano

Confiding to thy Care my Ship the Elizabeth I request thy using all diligence to proceed from this Port to Charleston after Loading there as hereafter advised proceed to Bremen there delivering thy Cargo to the Order of my friends D & E Delius proceed to Petersburg where I expect our friends Thomson Bonar & Co will have a Cargo provided for thee to load for this Port —

I have requested my friends S & M Fisher of Philadelphia to remit $15,000 to Charleston in Checks on the Bank there $ 5,000 to Ogee & Maxwell & 2 other Checks $ 5,000 each to thee under Cover to those friends — I also Ship by the Elizabeth 6 Cases 125 Pieces each Case of Brittannias which cost in Holland 76 Stivers . and 200 Boxes China each containing a Tea sett of 46 & 49 pieces these have sold for $6 & 6½ in Boston & by retail at $7½ but I wish to get clear of them . half the China is on acct of Mr Barker thy judgment must be used in selling them thyself . trying them at Auction or putting them into the hands of some good house there Ogee & Maxwell & Wheeler & Warren I have a good opinion of — but if the Brittannias & China can be invested in the present Cargo I prefer it even at whatever it will fetch . & I do not wish any thing to be advanced upon them & they will sell so as for me to have Interest to pay

I have Shipt 203 Casks White Oil about 80 Tons as P Invoice handed thee — as much of this as

thou can sell at 50 Cts ₰ Gall. I wish sold

Wheeler & Warren who have the consignment from my Brother Roman of Sperm Oil also have directions to apply the proceeds thereof & other Shipments already made them to purchase Rice or Cotton as thou thinks best and stands in lieu of it, I give them my Obligation Bond to Wm Sweet & Co for $ 389 37/100 with 2 years Interest they are of Savannah

The foregoing gives the plan for funds to Load the Eliza for Bremen and as I wish to have the whole of them applied to make up our Cargo in Petersburg I leave it to thy Judgment to apply it in the purchase of Rice and Upland Cotton as shall appear best - taking care that both be of good quality - Thou will be able to Judge of the Rice thyself but in the Choice of Cotton it will require some person well used to it - I have heard that Ogee of the House of Oswell is an excellent Judge and it may be best for them to lay out the whole $ 5000 in that article - Thou will direct Wheeler & Warren what to procure with their funds as I expect they will have a Commission of 2½ ₰ Ct for what they purchase - I have written to Ogee & Mapwell that I do not expect they will Charge me any more for Laying out the money in their hands - Thou will keep me advised of thy proceedings By Post & Coaster & send me sales of all the Goods sold together with the Acct of the Cargo and that I may make Insurance & give me as early notice as thou canst of the probable time thou will be ready to sail from Charleston that if I chuse I may write to Europe for Insurance -

In giving Liberty for selling the White Oil I do 50 I have only considered thy Commission at 2½ ₰ Ct the general Custom of Charleston Merchants is 5 ₰ Ct that if thou cannot sell it Myself thou may doubtless accede with them & in that case it ought to go as much

higher as the additional Commission —
New Orleans Cotton I observe is about 10 ℔ Ct higher
at Bremen than Upland Georgia — if there is no
more difference at Charleston calculating the drawback
thou may take some of that and if Cotton offers for
freight thou may take some if thou thinks it for
our Interest observing that the probability is that Rice
will be in quicker demand than Cotton yet if it is probable
more can be made by the freight than profit on the Rice
it will be best to take it — Should thou find my foreign
could not send on Checks on the Bank I shall request
J & M Fisher & Isaac Hicks to accept such Bills as thou may
advise to be drawn either by Wyeth or any others thou may
wish — but I hope thou will not be obliged to give a pm
for endorsing — it will be well to make that agreement
before hand — I also ship 50 boxes Sperm Candles of
the first quality 14993/4 ℔ Net which I had rather
thou sold at 68 Cents in the purchase of the Cargo than
to leave them — but if obliged to leave them I recommend
Ogee & Maxwell if they are willing to take them & sell for me —
Whatever Whale Bone thou can sell to net me 10 Cts
thou may dispose of — Wilson Barstow gives the a
Letter to Robert Bolton requesting him to pay to thy order
what money he may have on hand of his up to 600 $
I think in writing to him it may be well to enclose
him the acct on A Sweet & Co & enquire what price
he will send thee good Rice or Cotton at to the amount
of both which may be as well as to draw the money.
I also ship about One Ton Small Cordage of excellent
Quality & boxes Mould Tallow Candles — should thou
leave any thing unsold except the Sperm Candles I think
it may be best to leave them with Wheeler & Warren as they
being more in the retail way may do best. but I leave it to thee,

Peter Roe Dalton (retained) June 17. 1802

I am much obliged to thee for thy information of the Payment of the bill on J Rice Capt Ebenezar Stocker holds my note for $10,500 I think dated 10 mo. 21. interest after three months I have requested him to send it to thee for collections & hope to hear he has so done by next mail as I wished to pay it when the interest commences. for that purpose I now inclose thee my Check for $6500 & my brother S Rodmans on Union Bank for $4000 together $10,500 Fearing it may not be convenient for Capt. Stocker to receive payment in Boston I shall by the first mail write to my friend Wm Dean of Salem requesting him to call upon thee (or) send his Check to thee for the full sum & go himself to Newbury Port to make the Payment — if the Note is not sent to thee or within thy knowledge in Boston, on the appearance of Wm Deans Check I will thank thee to deposit the $10,500 to his Credit & buy the Check — if the Note is with thee thou will please to send it to me & note on W D's Check the occasion of its being returned — if he should not attend in person — I often feel a delicacy in so often troubling thee in this way & feel a disposition to make thee some remuneration for the trouble I give thee as I conceive thou last more in my deposits than in the generality of them — when I have the pleasure of seeing thee in Boston I shall resume the subject I am &c —

Wm Dean (Retained) June 17th 1803

I think since I wrote thee J S has sent me the Certificate which I signed & returned — I note the Bankrupt J J A I hope the second payment has previously been secured — Persuaded of thy readiness to oblige me I have a favour to ask of thee — Capt Ebent Stocker of Newbury Port holds my note for $ 10,500 Interest thereon beginning 21st instant & having provided for the payment at US Bank Boston I wrote him early last week requesting him to send the note there for payment but have not since heard from him. By the mail that takes this I have sent the Cashier my Check for the Amount & requested if the note is not sent to him or appears not in Boston to deposit that sum to thy credit — On receiving this I wish thee to find by some confidential person at my expence thy Check for $ 10,500 & if convenient for thee to take the money to Newbury Port & take up my note. I shall be greatly obliged — if inconvenient for thee please to engage some person suitable therefor & send it down if the note should be paid at Bank I request the Cashier to note it on thy Check & return it — I inclose thee my Check for $ 20 to pay the expence —

I am &c

Nicholas Wells Nov. 18. 1803

Shine of 11th Inst. in course the Insurance is a little higher than I expected but as I conclude no addition will be asked for the Elizabeth to have liberty to stop at Cork or on the Channelle for Orders, with that Liberty I shall be obliged by the having Insurance made upon said Ship A Delaw. Nt. from this port to Charlestan to her port of Discharge in Europe Ten thousand Dollars Value'd as the same prem.s included & ten thousand Dollars upon Cargo The Ship sail'd this afternoon with a fine wind Havre I think as probable as any Port for her discharge — Jam.s &c

Nov. 18. 1803

Thomas C Amory

Capt. E Stocker informs me a note I gave him last fall for $10,500 is in thy hands I have made provision for its payment at US Bank where if equally agreable to thee to take an Acceptance of Head & Amorys at 60 D.s sight from the first day of last month it will be an accomodation to me if not I think the Cashier will take up the note — Jam.s &c

Peter Roe Dalton

Mr 18. 1803

I thank thee for the information of the draft on J Rice being paid I inclose for Collection Seth Russell & Sons draft on Joffrey & Russell at 10 days sight for $ 790 Thomas C Amory holds a Note given by me to E Stocker for $ 10,500 interest payable thereon from the 21st Instant - I wrote by the present mail to T C A that I should make provision with thee for its payment & wished if equally agreeable to him to take Stead & Amorys Acceptance for $ 4,000 in thy hands I wished him to do it, but least it should not be agreeable, I inclose thee my brother Rodmans Check for $ 4,000 on Union Bank if the other is accepted, I request thou will return the Check to me. I also inclose thee my own Check for $ 6,500 & solicit thy taking up my said note & sending to me Jam& &c

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Mr 17. 1803

John Maybin

Thy obliging favour of 30 Ult came to hand in Course and I am pleased to find the Sales of the 35 Boxes Candles have been at last Closed. that article has been very dull at most Markets last Season we manufactured none. but are now engaged in it with a Considerable Stock, Some best Oil it is probable I may send thee in the Spring but from the high price of Head Matter the Oil must be held for a large price and this expectation is warranted from the ~~large~~ small quantity in the Country, I wish thou could sell me ~~some~~ (best) Hemp to net me here $ 200 I have yet a few Tons on hand, best Rufsia Duck keeps up with us I have sold mine off from 1/ to 20 ₰ and shall have occasion for some more in the Spring, if thou can buy me 20 or 30 Pieces of the first quality for 1/or 1/2 I wish thee to do it and hold for a conveyance as the Season continues Meds may probably take another 1/2 for Philadelphia Norton is now in Boston and I am &c

1mo 19 1803

Proud & Thurston

Your obliging favor of 29 Ult came to hand in due Course Capt Rogers having once sailed returned back and was taken Sick and the Sloop has lain waiting his recovery until this day he has given up the Voyage and Samuel Tripp taking his place — On observing your reply to my enquiry respecting Hemp I have thought it more for my Interest to have the Oil Landed and Load the Sloop with Hemp — The Oil is now out and I hope she will take 10 Tons of Hemp and proceed on immediately — On receiving this by Post hope you will be able to sell it ~~with~~ on arrival without expence and whenever I can find conveyance shall ship the residue that I have to Spare of which I shall advise you hereafter — I shall be in want by the Laurel of the Flour desired before say 20 Bbls fine 30 Bbls X brand 30 Bbls middlings. the Indian Meal may be omitted. the 20 Bbls fine may be omitted if the Sales of the Hemp will not meet its payment I am &c —

The Sloop take only 8 Tons hemp —
Bill Lading inclosed —

1mo 19 1803

Saml & Miles Fisher

Your esteemed favours of 8th 11th both reached me last evening & I feel ~~much~~ much obliged by your attention to my request in the Sale of the Exchange and obtaining the remittance on Charleston — I am well satisfied as to the Exchange knowing it to be on the decline at the Westward while it is advancing this way — The money will be in Season for my purpose at Charleston as the Ship did not sail until yesterday — by the Ship & other remittances I have provided about $17,000 more to lay out in Charleston principally in Upland Cotton which by my last advices was plenty at 13¢ should it continue near that price I think it cannot be an unsafe Speculation, however I only look for a Frt for the Ship & accommodating the Funds for a Russia Cargo without the Loss on Exchange — As you are Silent in your last respecting the fate of the bill on Warder Parker & Co I hope it was honored & if paid please to let it rest to my Cr
I see by the Papers one of my brothers Ships Long detained at Lima was Spoke last Month on her passage to Philadelphia

I am &c —

Josiah Bradlee

1mo 28 1803

I am obliged by thy favour of
26th
inclosing sales of the 21 Casks of Oil W Norton
I suppose I neglected noting on the Invoice that 2 Gls p Cask was
pump'd off as it went on deck & was fill'd in Cold Weather
I was fearful one day of hot sun would strain the Casks
& make them leak - the quantity sold is 1 Gl more than
I shipped it for - as the Casks were new I feared the consequence
of their laying long on hand - Capt Myrick has been
here & taken Capt Randalls Oil - I had some rolled out
this morning to send thee by him - but he was under
some engagements before this Vessell came to take some
Wrapes yet he would still have taken 40 bbls for thee
had I not at the Moment recd Advice from J Barker
that he had sold all I have on hand & there in two
weeks at 50 Cents & as it will be delivered from the Packet
at 50 ¢ I put it immediately on board for New York
that I have not a Single Barrell left on hand -
Brother Rodman expects the Diana shortly with Whale Oil
I am glad to find thou art progressing in the sales of
the Candles shall send thee more soon - I have Ex thy
Amount thy bill Naval Stores - Sam'l -

1mo 28 1803

Jacob Barker

J Howland handed me this morning
thy acceptable favor of 24th just at the moment I had
rolled out 40 Barrels Oil for George Myrick to take to
Boston where Bradlee had sold what I sent him at
50¢ at 60 days - but I felt willing to release it for other
freight that presented I have in consequence of thy informa-
tion that thou had contracted for a quantity if delivered in
3 weeks at 50¢ put on board the Lydia all that remains
of the Barclays Cargo only 78 Casks mostly in barrels
& only 1 Cask up to 20 Gallons - 8 of the barrels have been
pump'd off ½ Gl - from 50 upwards 2 Gls but I expect if the weather
should be warm they will be nearly full - one of 114 Gls has 3 - out
I hope thou will be able to deliver this from the Packet that
no opena may arise upon it & no loss by thefts -

there is no more Oil here & very little at Nantucket —
By the Lydia I send thee 25 Boxes excellent Sp Candles
I wish thou had said what price they bear —
I wish to close the sales of the Importation from Amsterdam
& request thou will send me the Sealing Wax if unsold
& also the Sales of the German linens quills &c as also Sales of
Hemp & Oil with Time & Mode and Currents — I have Ex Rowlands
Acceptance & shall be glad of the payment in Boston — I am &c

Thomas Dickason & Co

1 mo 29 1803

Since my last of 30 Ult I am favord
with yours of 22 Oct & am obliged by your attention to my
several drafts £334 " 9 " 3 to several on my own account
& £1500 to M & B for Acct L De Bauque & my Brother —
My friends S & M I have advised me of having sold the
Exchange I requested them to draw on you for my Acct
together £3400 and have remitted the Amt to Charleston
to meet the Elizabeth & Delano who sailed on the 18th
When those bills are at Maturity please to place
them to my brothers Acct — The last payment for the
Grand Sachem falls due in about 3 weeks —
When I think I shall be obliged to draw for £1000 More
that brings the Acct of that Ship & Cargo nearly to a Close
I am happy in observing the Ann was spoke 15 Ult
Lat 9° North on her way to Milford but can learn
nothing further than she left Lima on the 1st & 8th mo
the mate of safe be now arrived — Rowland Hazard
finding it necessary to renew his power to receive his
Claims I have taken the Liberty to advise his empowering
one of your house that in Case any future change
in the Agency should take place no delay might be occasioned
& he has executed one to your Self who I hope will excuse the
freedom I have taken & that you will assume the trust —
& shortly be able to inform me of something further
being recovered — R Hs is very anxious to recover that
property that I may give up to him some security
I hold — as the Money is due to me — & you will under-
stand by former Arrangements it is to go to my Cr —
When payment is awarded I shall be much obliged

by your information at what discount the deferred instalments can be realized. I am &c—

Abraham Barker

1 mo 23 1803

Since I wrote thee on 7th & 13th Ult I have received thy letter for Antwerp with P & Co Sales & acct Curr & thy favr from London 10 mo 22-25- & am pleased to hear of thee again in England, & was glad to find the Sales of the India Goods had met all our anticipations altho they are going very short of our first expectation - yet I shall be glad to find the remain'g 10/1 Chests Bohea are sold I have yet about 20/1 remaining in fractions & 30 ℔ is now the most they will nett Some time since I mentioned to D C that if thou had not the £433 to thy Cr with them I was satisfied it should stand as they had it, but I had drawn for & should be paying them Interest The Elizabeth A Delano sailed for Charleston on the 19th with 78 Tons Whale Oil 11000 ℔ Whale Bone 200 Bxes China remaining of Barclay 730 Pieces Brittannias from M & B of the Shipment of them not being able to sell them & 9/4 tons Hemp besides this I have remitted for Philadr $ 15000 in Cashiers drafts on U S Bank & expect abt $ 3000 more to be recd there wholly amounting to abt $ 32,000 - If he can turn the several articles into his outward Cargo - I have ordered sold all the Whale Oil he can at 50 ℔ ℔ gl hope he may reduce it to 50 or 60 Tons in that case he may take about 200 casks Rice & lay out I hope $ 15-000 in Upland Cotton this article on 22d Ult was plenty at 15 ℔ ℔ which I think must be a safe speculation & as a single Cent ℔ Pound will make the difference of $ 1000 in the sale I have concluded best for Delano to stop at Cork if he should fall in near that Coast to receive thy Orders & care of Harvey Deaves & Harvey, which if thou thinks it will do best at Liverpool will be convenient if he does not fall in easily to stop there I recommend his stopping at ~~Cowes and~~ Cawsand near Plymouth the place thou advised & send over or call himself upon Peter Symonds & Son for thy Orders - Thou will please to gain the best information from the Continent & direct him accordingly, perhaps Havre may do better than Bremen for the Whole, it must be recollected that should the Markets for Cotton & Rice be best at Liverpool the Ship must

stop at Havre Dunkirk or Bremen to land the Oil - Should he sell at Charleston to reduce the Bill to 50 Tons it might find a sale at Dublin if the Rice & Cotton will do best there but this I do not expect I submit the whole to thee to order him where thou thinks best for our interest - Wherever it goes I presume the Consignee will accept for the Petersburg Cargo or pretty near it - frm the Joint Invt pr the Betsy I have applied Nothing, the half of that may be applied for early purchases or for making up the Whole - The Eliza will bear 300 tons Wt & being 11 pr hold & 5 pr between decks I think will stow nearly 120 tons Hemp & bear 170 Tons Iron - Iron is the only article from accounts I have recd that can be bought to advantage before the Navigation opens - I have recently sent 8 Tons hemp to Baltimore & have but 20 tons remaining - I doubt not the whole will net us $200 - which gives some profit - I think we had best keep to New & Old Table Iron Common Bar - as the other tho good comes too high - I do not wish the Cargo to exceed £6000 or £7000 stg & the fabricks must be governed by the funds we have for them - I have $20.000 Insur: pr on Ship & 5 pr on Cargo at 4 pct from this to her Market with Liberty to stop at Cork or in the Channell for Orders -

I see by the papers the Ann Coleman was spoke in 9° North 15th last mo left the Coast Peru 8 mo 1st this is the first acct I have had of her release - I hope she fell in the Brazil Bank & she must now be near milford as also the Grand Sachem Whipple who left us 9 Ult -

If thou accedes to my propn take 1/8 of the concern in the E - I shall consider the Vessell & Cargo in one concern - of which I shall doubtless hear from thee when thou receives my letter to that effect - I am pleased with the Ship as is every one here who have viewed her - I have ordered Delano to write thee the Contents of his Cargo on being near sailing & leave thee to insure the residue there in Case of loss thou may apply the funds by chartering another Ship

John Shearman Jr is Mate that the Ship is well officered
If thou consign the Cargo to our old friends at Havre
please to add to their Names & Robt in that case my
Uncle will share part of the Commissions

Iam &c

2mo 7. 1803

Eben Moulton

My friend W S Wall did not return
until by the last Stage he brought me the 7 Guineas
with the Pattern and thy bill balance due thee $12 26/100
for which thou hast my Check now inclosed

Iam &c

2mo 8 1803

Abraham Tilley & Co

As I am under engagements to pay
some money on Rhode Island soon I this day draw on you for
$210 50/100 for the Amount of the Sail of Hemp & Carting sent
you in 10mo last in favor of the Cashier of the Bank
payable 20 days after date, Your honoring the Bill
when it appears will oblige Yours

2mo 8 1803

Moses Tapias

I solicit thy Collection of the annexed
Order on A Tilley & Co for $210 50/100 20 days after date and
placing the same when received to my Cr in the Bank

Iam &c

2mo 9 1803

Isaac Hicks

Last ae I received thy Letter of 1st Inst inclosing
Allen Shepherds draft on Josiah Bradlee for $666 50/100 which is
to thy Cr. On the 29th last Month Isaiah Hussey Jr
paid me 600$ on thy Acct which is also to thy Cr
If thou canst close the Sales of the German ~~Linens~~ Goods
without making too great a Sacrifice I shall be pleased
to have the Sales as I want much to close an Acct to which
they belong. I hope thou will soon be able to sell the
residue of the Hemp as the whole quantity for the
Annual supply must be in & much of it run off

Iam &c

12th drawn $300 in favr Caleb Green

2mo 10 1803

John G Ladd

I have not had the pleasure of receiving any of thy favors since Nov 6 by which I find the Osnabrigs & parts of the China was unsold but I hope ere this thou has found a Market for them if thou has no prospect of selling the Osnabrs I had rather it was returned yet I would prefer its being sold even at 10 & 12 ℔ yard less than Invoiced — I have a few Barrells of Excellent common Oil on hand send thee 7 Casks Guaging 242 Gallons & 10 Boxes Mould Tallow Candles also 20 Boxes best ℔ Candles all which hope will reach a speedy Market — I have a few Tons Hemp on hand which I would deliver here @ 210 ℔ Ton it is of excellent Quality if thou can contract for 5 Tons to Nett me that at 90 days I will send it by the Dauntless when she goes again & will take the risk of it myself to Alexandria — I am &c

Jacob Barker

New Bedford 2 Mo 15 1803

I receivd a short letter by Jacob Akin with 18 Barrels of Tar & C Congdon informs me he has 32 bbls more from thee for me but brought me no letter

When I sent the last oil I forgot about 2 Tons in Linseed oil Barrels which I should now send if I had known the otter was sold but wish it to remain untill the otter is gone — As I go to Boston in the morning I shall leave direction if thou

writes thou has sold the last sent & informations received before the Lydia sails to put it on board, I hope thou will soon send the Sales of the Dutch Goods & also of the Oil & Hemp, the Cop Sealing Wax I wished to have taken with me to Boston, On the 9 I gave C Cook a dft upon thee for $200 & on 12 one to C Greene $300. which please to pay when they appear I am &c

12mo 30 1802

T D & Co

I have requested my frds Sr & Mr of Philad.a to draw upon you as they find a sale for Exchange for my acct. to the amt of £3400 stg at 60 d/s. when their bills appear I request you will honor them placing them as already advised I am &c

Dickason & Co

2mo 26 1803

Craving reference to my last of — since which I have recd none of your favours. I have now to request your honoring my Bill this day to Boot & Brat at 60 d/s for £1000 & at maturity placing the same to my Br R & C this being for the last payment of the Grand Sachem, daily hoping to hear of the arrival of that Ship & the Wareham I am &c

3mo 4 1803

Christ.r M Slocum

G Howland handed me the acct of Romain thou kindly sent me by him for which I am obliged — I have drawn upon thee in favr Fras Thompson for $120 which please to pay & I will endorse it upon thy Notes for one years Interest, for the last 6 year I charge thee only 6 P Ct our Interest From the losses in 1801 my situation is so materially changed that I find I cannot keep my present business going on satisfactorily & meet my subscriptions towards a Bank to be established here without collecting in what money I have loaned & shall be much obliged if thou can repay the whole or pt in time to meet our first instalment on 6 of 6 mo next

I shall be more obliged if thou can procure it for me in Specie (Dollars or parts) & forward by one of the Packets previous to that time. I am &c

Bmo 3d 1803

Francis Thompson

I returned this week from Boston where the Assignees agreed upon another dividend of 10 ℔Ct to the Ests of Wm & Dean & wishing to make the same remittance to those in thy neighborhood as in the 11 mo I take the liberty again to inclose to thy Care drfts for their respective dividends — The failure of J Andrews involves the Est in another loss as he is yet owing the Estate about $4,000 and is likely to pay 60 ℔Ct — at foot I shall state the drfts & hope thou will excuse the trouble I give thee I am &c —

Drafts on J Hicks

Alexander Sommerville $115-30
Edmund Morewood ... 46-88
William Adamson - 182 79

drft on C M.S. -- $ 120
D on Gratton & Bell 71-03
$191-03
for Fras Thompson

3 mo 4, 1803

S & W Fisher

Your favr of 27th Ult I recd & a few days since in Boston & am obliged by your information respect the price of Exchange it is lower than I expected & below what it is here. I drew £1000 last week Cods at 1 ℔Ct

I consider myself very successfull in your being able so early to procure the Checks on Charleston since the course of Exchange has so altered, Cga & Maxwell & Capt Delano have each informed me of the rect of all the Checks you have sent them on my acct together $15000 I am obliged by your information of the rect of Wardwell & Acceptance. I have placed that sum $406-05 to your Debit — It is still my wish for you to procure me 10 Tons best soft grass Pigs & shall be glad to have them by Norton who is now here waiting a wind —

If he cannot take them you may send them by any Vessel you can get to take them on reasonable freight bound this way. I have had them brought for $2 ₱ Ton & never gave more than $2.50 but leave you to do as you think best I am &c

3 mo 5. 1803

James Barker

Returning from Boston on 3d day eve I found thy three letters of 1. 5. & 22 ult & have placed to thy Cr $300 & $800 2 orders on Bradlee also $12 for 24 ℔ Twine & have debited thee $338.77 1/8 balance the Prudence Voyage I have Jenni's Promise of payment his Note to day when done I will also Cr. thee $2.74.77. I have £83.15.8 stg to remit Rathbone Hughes & Duncan Liverpool which if thou art in cash for the Hemp or will be in season to accommodate thyself I shall be glad to have & I can equally make it convinient to take the residue thou hast to draw on Benson Crosby & Benson if thy choice — if thou sends one or both the bills thou may draw them to my order

I found thee made Dr to Abm (7 mo 1803) 1/2 Chest Bohea 172 ℔ @ 37 - $63.64. & a Chest Souchong 90 ℔ @ 80 ¢ 72 $ this last I suspect was sent thy Mother please inform me if thou had any Souchong if not I will Cr. thy Acct & let it stand to Abm in the 12 mo thou art charged with another 1/2 Chest 158 @ 41 ¢ 63.55 £ 14.1.4 which supposi is the one alluded to. did not thou write for the two first for Geo Ramsdell? I trust to thy doing what is right respecting Riddle Hemp but have no doubt in my mind but he had his weight I am &

3 mo 5. 1803

Isaac Hicks

I have thy two favors of 22 & 25 ult the latter inclosing sales of the Hemp viz $ 815.13 to thy Debit A Speculation in Hemp has taken place in New England & most or all is purchased from first hands @ $210 it is now held at $240 in Boston. I have about 20 Tons yet on hand

which I expect to find a Market for here and at Nantucket. I have again drawn upon thee $344.97 in three Bills as at foot & shall be obliged by thy paying them when they appear. I shall be obliged by thy information what is the price of good Beef & Pork & if it is likely to be plenty this spring. I shall want some early in next Month

Alex^r Somerville $115.30
Edmund Morewood 46.88
William Adamson 182.79 $344.97

Je 11th &
3 mo 5. 1803

Joseph Sutler 3^d

I now inclose thy note of hand balance as per Statement herewith due me $30 86/100 this sum I shall be obliged by thy placing to my Cr in the Branch Bank. I find that with the Interest there is yet a balce due me from M A of $907. Under the present circumstances I should be willing to give up 1/3 if I could receive the other 2/3 to give it all up for $200 seems too great a sacrifice & I hope thou will find thou can make it advantageous to thee to give me $300

3 mo 4 1803

Jacob Barker

After two weeks absence to Boston I returned on third day eve during my absence from home thy two letters of 3^d & 4^th Ult came to hand Brother Nazr informs me sent thee 50 Boxes Candles thou desired. I am not disappointed in the demand for Candles of our Manufactory. I saw in Boston several hundred boxes of a quality I should be ashamed ever to offer for sale Ours find a Market where 50 & a gentleman informed me he had recd an order frm Newyork for some of my mark which he had bought at $50 & shipd on

I hope soon to hear the Oil is all sold as I do not like the warm weather should come upon it—
I sold $1000 last week at Boston @ 15 Ct advance but at present have no more to sell— Hemp in Boston & Eastward is all bought out of the Importers hand & $210 & now held $240
I have placed to thy Cr the Amo of 50 Bbl Sat ℔ Harmony & Lydia— I have never imported any Linseed Oil except from Peterburg— but doubtless it may be had as cash from Holland— My frds J B & Co at Peterburg stand high in my estimation & those sends there I would advise thy ordering London Porter Casks to put it in— the Cargo we had was so ordered & came out in fine Order— but E Smith told me what he had in the Lydia in their Country Casks were very leaky & thou knows how soon the Value of the Casks can be wasted in Leaky Oil

Jesus &c

Josiah Bradlee New Bedford 3 Mo. 5 1803

This evening before I left town I received an Order on thee from James Barker for $ 800 I received it & inclosed it to thee & desired Jona. Bourn to give it thee next day I have this day anticipated $ 536 upon it by my Check on U S Bank where I requested thee to deposit it— if it has by any means failed of reaching thee. I request thou will support my Credit at the Bank, or call on Hathaway & Davis & take it up—

Dan very respectfully &c

3 mo 8 1803

John Mayhew

I duly received favour of 28th & note the price of Duck was beyond my limits it continues at Boston at $20. Hemp has very much advanced there & all has been purchased from the Importers hands @ $210 & is now sells at $250. the little I have now on hand I think I shall be able to sell in this neighborhood

Capt. Norton sailed for Philad.a a few day since at his return I shall be obliged by thy sending me 6 Bbls best Flour & ½ Bbl best Crackers. the last Flour thou sent me was of superior quality. Our present supply of Oil is small best kind sells in Boston 120 Cents by another season I think it must come down

Je suis &c

3 mo 8 1803

Smith & Ridgway

I hope ere this you have found a Market for the three bales of Osnaburgs you rec.d by the Boston Packet. of the three bales you sent me I have but 40 ps remaining on hand & think in course of the spring I shall be able to sell more than these. but I had much rather you should close the sale of them if practicable without loss being however very desirous to close the busines if you do not see a prospect of selling them I shall be glad to be speedily informed as also the acct of Expences you have against that importation. Je suis &c

3 mo 7 1803

Wm J Slocum

Thine & B Badcocks Note date 2 mo 7 1800 for $407.07 Interest after 6 months remains unsettled & as my business will shortly require payment thereof I shall be obliged by its payment within 8 mo as I have want it very much by the 1st of 6 mo next at that time there will be due 2 yrs & 10 mo Int.t $69.20
Principal 407.07
476.27
or I shall want to B H at that time

3 mo 8 1803

Thomas Butler

Previous to the last payment I made thee in 1797 I find through our carelessness we had omitted posting to thy Acct. Cash p^{d} Geo Nicholson for thy order to Benj^{n} Perew dated Sept^{r} 2. 1797 for 15$ also 75¢ for p^{r} & Chalk & after our settlement wherein I had Cr thee with the Oil $1 39/100 for guaging D Ricketson brought in his bill guaging & I paid him that Sum. these together have stood neglected on my books amot^{g} to 6 $ 17.14 If convenient for thee to send me an order for it on my Neighbor Nathan^{l} or in any other way that may be more convenient for thee I shall be glad that I may have my books settled Ian^{y} 1st (the Order I inclose)

Thomson Bonar & C^{o}

3 mo 8. 1803

My European busines for the two last years have been mostly under the superintendance of my fr^{d} A B I have not had occasion to write to you he is yet in England & probably may have provided funds on acct of our joint concern for you to make some purchases during the winter In last Autumn I recd your obliging favors of July 9th & 11 Augst 14 & the Goods p^{r} the America & Latona came out in good order & to a saving Market notwithstanding the prices with you were beyond my calculation. My friend Barker informs me some of your products had still advanced & not the expected decline in any of them however I hope during the winter a favourable alteration has taken place

Have purchased a fine Ship the Elizabeth for the Baltic trade 260 Tons & but Thirsome for that Tonnage Capt^{n} Aselano goes in her & I expect she is now nearly sailing from Charleston For Europe subject to the advice of my friend A B. her cargo being Whale Oil Rice & Cotton its probable she may go to Havre or Bremen to discharge & thence

to Peterburg & as the carries out a Cargo on our acct. I calculate for that to form the principal Inward for the Cargo home of which our Sr Frs will doubtless give you due advice. I apprehend the E with 180 @ 200 Tons Iron & 100 @ 120 Tons Hemp with what Price goods we may want. of the Iron I wish all common bar Rod & half new sable & the Hemp 2/3 Clean & 1/3 outshot As I cannot calculate very accurately what our Funds may be I shall mention the Quantity of fabricks I think best to come If you have Funds sufficient & leave you to reduce in proportion thereto or to vary them as your Judgment may guide you on acct of the prices & perhaps by the advice of Sr Frs Barker who will have a Copy of this & will write you if it reaches him before he leaves England & should the Funds admit of increasing the Quantity of fabricks that is also submitted to your judgment

500 Pr best sail Cloth. some of the best I have seen was marked AB

1 or 200 Pr second Quality
100 Pr Ravens Ducks
100 @ Flems
1000 Ardheins broad Diaper
abt 25 Pock fine sort bristles

No feathers nor Dressings

Flems & Ravens Duck did poorly last year while sail cloth from the small quantity brt out proved a good article.

I am sorry to observe the increase of duties & charges upon your Invoices but hope the Peace will operate to reduce them in future. Confiding in your attention & care in giving the Elizabeth Dispatch when she arrives I am &c

PS by Capt Delano I beg your acceptance of a Box Sperm Candles of Bambridge Ansley & Co of London should order any fabricks shipped for my Frs W & J Foster of this place or Jame & Thos Foster of Philada it will be quite a great ease to me they should come in the E or the usual Frs to this place the latter being at the expence of the Frt from thence to Philadelphia I am &c

3 mo 12 1803

Prout & Thurston

I wrote thee from Boston to which please to be referred - the Laurel arrived safe with the Flour - I hope you have found a good sale for the Hemp as it has risen very much in this Country $250 is now the price in Boston & New York with expectation in some that it will still advance but I shall be satisfied with the sale that you may think best

Have 14 Bbls only of Whale Oil left I have put it on board the Laurel which hope will sell well if none has yet arrived & I believe there is now very little in New England in course of the Spring much may be expected - I hope the bill for $380 on Fuller & Brown was duly honored - I am &c

3 mo 14 1803

Jacob Barker

I have now before me thy two Letters of 5 & 9 Inst & hope soon thou will be able to inform me of the sale of the Oil as I fear the effect of warm weather - I have not a barrel of that article left on hand I hope as thou promises I shall receive the Accts by next packet the want of them prevents my Closing several other Accts I am very glad to find Capt Delano's prudence in shipping back the Hemp & also that thou has so soon found a Market for it. The price in Boston is now $250 I do not see any reason for it to advance unless war with France should take place - but I leave it with thee to decide on the price when thou thinks best - being cautious not to overstay the right time - I rec'd the Quills sent by the Lydia & the seating Wax came also before - It will be quite convenient to me to receive any Money thou may find due to me in Boston or if convenient to thy business to deposit it there & draw upon me - I can generally negociate what I want Capt M'S has remitted me $160 but previous thereto I had -

drawn upon him if he calls I wish thee to repay the $140 – he will call without doubt unless it is cancelled by his brother Wm from whom I am also expecting some money – I have sent on board Tabers Packet 16 Iron Bound Casks for Bread I wish thee to have them Packed with your best bread company's ship Bread well dried – such as thou sent me twice before – I expect to send thee by Taber 30 bags more candles I am &c

3 mo 14 1803

Chas M Stocum

Thy letter of 2d I rec'd on the 12 inclosing $140 by my letter of the 6th thou art doubtless ere this informed that I had drawn upon thee in favr Fras Thompson for one years Interest on thy Note upon which I have endorsed it if in consequence of my Letter of the 7th to thy Br Wm he has made no provision for the payment of a small note I hold against him & B Vadurin & it is convenient for him to account with thee for the $140 I will endorse it on their Note but if otherwise I wish thee call on Jacob Barker who has my request to repay it to thee – I am obliged by the paper thou sent me – I am &c

3 mo 9 1803

Francis Rotch

Soon after I wrote thee on 3 mo 4 I rec'd the Box by the Nancis safe I suppose as put up but from the Dampness of the Ship very much rusted & in course thy very obliging communications dated 15. 17. & 18 July which from that time owing to an unusual press of business I have been obliged to let them lay for a time of more leisure – I much regret thou had not compleated thy ingenious invention to go out in the Ship that the experiments could have been made by persons who had received verbal directions from thee altho I conceive thy descriptions are so plain that a person of common intelligence may understand them & if I can get the needfull appendages made and find any careful person of confidence willing to make the experiment shall be pleased to do it & shall more certainly consider thy interest concerned in the event that to be determined

hereafter to thy satisfaction — I am sorry thou had not competent workman to construct thy Boats being persuaded from thy description & proof within my own knowledge that the application of floats or Vanes may be made the greatest Power — D Greive son in law to Jn.o Folger made experiments of that kind here several years since & found that fixing two sets of floats to a shaft placed across a boats & a line fastened up a stream the force was sufficient to wind the line on the shaft & force the Boat against the Current — He then in Minciature placed a spar at the fore end of the boat to reach the bottom in an oblique position upon which was a wheel with projections to hook on the bottom & a band leads from the shaft to the forward wheel whereby the hook wheel was turned & by its crawls on the bottom carried the boat forward against the stream & stones at the bottom of a height equal to 1/3 the Diameter of the wheel it would surmount —

This plan he conceived would answer for navigat the Ohio or such like rivers where the water was not very deep & the Current always running down, he was at that time engaged in erects a Machine for the purpose of spinning Flax at my expence at the head of this river in which I expended about £2000 Stg but his mechanical genius seemed too potent for his mental faculties & for two years he has been quite Insane & my property will be nearly lost he never executed his intention of taking out a Patent for his propelling power — Those are easily obtained at a small expence by the inventor but I know not of any provision for it to be done by a substitute — By hint respects the new Cancels strokes me as practicable & safe & I see no reason why they will not answer a valuable purpose & I have no doubt they will have the effects thou contemplates by rarefraction to increase the buoyancy for this purpose they would particularly apply to Humpbacks which are very subject to sink — The success of our South Sea Fishermen of late years whenever they can find the Right Whales

does not promise much improvement by invention — I have not yet been able to bring the business to a close with L Jarvis but expect to soon as he has been long detained at St Johns where I understand he is like to receive something handsome & the Doctor assures me that he has now resources from another Quarter that as soon as he returns he will have the business settled — I suppose I have yet My authority for accepting the $1000 with Interest (compound) since 1792 subject to revision whenever you meet, for the Note for $1000 ~~&~~ 3/4 the Nancy endorsed thereon — This I have taken for the basis all the since our correspondence in 1793 or 94 on this may have passed between us upon that subject — Having 3756 Livres, 4 Sous, in the hands of Louis De Bauque I wrote ~~the~~ my bill therefor — have requested him to accept My draft for that amount perhaps a little charge for postage ought to be left as I wish to have the Acc't balanced. I also inclose three James Barkers Bill on Benson Cropper & Benson for Eighty Seven ~~Dollars~~ pounds 4/ at thirty days indorsed by me. and I shall request my friends Thomas Dickerson & Co to accept My draft for one hundred pounds three sums thou will please to place to My Cr. on account of what I may receive of L Jarvis

Lewis De Bauque 3 Nov. 1803

I have now the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt of thy two letters 13th Oct. & 2d Nov. the former announcing the arrival of the Hector at Dunkirk & the latter covering Sales of my two boxes Indigo by the Ship Net proceeds to my Credit 3821 Livres the Sale of which is very satisfactory — thy last also inclosed 12 Dollars in bills of Manhattan Bank which I placed to thy Credit in Livres 64.16.5 — I am glad that under the care of Capt. Moores the Hector is like to prove a tolerable Ship She was the only suitable Ship in size that I could at that time find and I should not have risked upon here if I had not purchased the Diana for myself & brother built at the same place which proved a much better Ship that I expected — I have more confidence in the Columbus, altho' throughout this Country during the late war Ships have been in such demand that they have been very hastily built & of course more slighted — Ships are now much more in demand than when I purchased those three at Newburyport — and could not be bought so cheap by at last 10 or 15 p Cent — American Ships finding much more business than was expected upon the event of a general Peace —

I have just rec'd a letter from T Dickason & Co announcing the arrival of the Grand Shachem at Milford Oil continues high in this Country & will until the Spring arrivals — Common whale I have sold all off at about £120 p Ton except 60 or 70 Tons of the Barclays in the Elizabeth Alisha Delano Master now about Sailing from

Charleston with the remainder of her Cargo of Rice & Upland Cotton for Bremen unless ordered otherwise by my friend Abm Barker that Ship is there to go to Russia

Should my uncle Francis Kolch draw upon thee for the Balance due upon the Indigo 3/56 4 thou ~~Ship is there to go to Russia~~ oblige me by accepting his drafts therefor Jun & C

Thomas Dickason & C^{o} NB. 3 Mo 18. 1803

Since my last of 26 Ult^{o} advising of my bill upon you to Booth & Pratt for £1000 on my brothers a/c I am within a week favoured with your obliging letter of 10, 13 Jan^{y} & duplicate of yours of 15 Dec^{r} inclosing my a/c Current balance in your favour £734 10 I find to be correct & have conformed my books thereto and am much obliged by your attention in honouring my several drafts together with those drawn by Isaac Hicks for my Order £1999 he advises me of having drawn. I am much gratified in hearing by your date of 13 Jan^{y} that both the Grand Sachem & Columbus had safely arrived & daily hope to hear of the Wareham & Ann also arriving at Milford by the Diana just arrived from Brazil I hear the Wareham was spoke on the Brazil Coast bound home, this is the only account I have had of that Ship since she was at Lima

I expect the Elizabeth & Delaware hasere this sailed from Charleston as the Capt^{n} writes me he hoped to get away the first week in this month I shall be obliged by your forwarding Capt^{n} Delano the inclosed letters as also those for Petersburg and one for my uncle F R who has requested me to write under cover to you and I have also to

request you will honour his draft for
one hundred pounds placing it as the other
drafts for the Columbus 2/5 to B R & 3/5 to L De
Barque and as payment for that Ships bills
due within one month. Shall soon draw for
her cost & the balance of her Acct. Hemp
has taken a very sudden rise to £240 to £250
and as your Importation we have 30 or 40 Tons
unsold we are fortunately benifited thereby

Sam very respectfully &c.

Rathbone Hughes & Duncan 3 Mo. 10. 1803

Your favour of 21 Jany I have just
received and note your having rec.d my remit-
tance for the first dividend for Acct of the Estate
of Wm & Geo Dean. I was last week in Boston when
another dividend of 10 p Cent was ready for distribution
and I now inclose James Barbers draft on
Benson Crosper & Benson for £83.15 for that
purpose This bill being drawn for acct of Capt
Jared Gardner should his letters not come to
hand by any means authorising the draft of
James Barker, I request you will hold
the bill without protest or indemnify B C &
B as I know they will be safe in honouring
it — I have also had another bill on them
for the same Acct for £87.4. which I remit
to my Uncle Js Roach Haven in the
like event of not receiving J G's Orders I request
the favour of your protecting it for my honour

Through the failure of James Andrews
who owed the Estate of W & G D about £4000 we
are like to suffer 50 p Cent of that debt which
will lessen the dividend of their Estate

Sam very respectfully &c

3 mo 12. 1803

Stephen Howell & Co

your Letter of 28 Ult was handed me yesterday. I know not of a single new English Iron Pot for sale here or at Nantucket I had a few years since a pattern made & a few pots made which lay on hand until last year I sold most of them. A furnace about 4 miles from this is now preparing to cast from the same pattern but I doubt their being ready to cast within a month from this. Those of my casting I have found stand as well as wellas the English ones and are as near the size of them as we could make the pattern I sold them at the same price say $32 each abt 80 Gls I am not certain that I have any left but what have some flaws in them that would make them objectionable perhaps I might find two that by reducing the price would be warrantable provided you cannot supply yourselves elsewhere If you should send here and the New pots are not pots are not cast you may depend I will not send any but what I would risque in my own Vessell. Hereafter I hope to keep a supply & shall be glad to furnish you. If the Triunale head appears I will pray for & wait your orders I am &c

4 mo 1 1803

Isaac Hicks

I duly received thy favour of 14 and note thy remarks upon the price of Hemp. I was well satisfied with thy last sale of that Article altho it has since unexpectedly risen & I hear is now $300 in Philada I have now abt 15 tons on hand which I will gladly sell at that price I want a few Articles for the Barclay which I wish thee to send by Taber as at foot of as good quality as thou can find I hope to have her to sail in

about 2 weeks
25 Bbl Prime beef
10 D D Pork
sea Coal to fill 6 Old Cask on board
1 Smiths Vise about 68 lb
2 Whds Kiln Dried Meal
2 D of Molasses one of good quality for family use

I am &c
4 mo 1 1803

Jacob Barker

Thy favor of 25 Ult I duly received accompanied by several accts Sales &c & have not had time to fully adjust them nor can I for want of the Sales of the Dutch goods which I have not yet received but which I suppose M & B Co in the sum of $3066.53 those sales those will please to send me — In the 9 Mo I paid P Cuffe $1506.68 which is not Co: I have M & B Obligation in my possession that was given him — I yesterday drew upon thee $330 in favr Aron Hubbard of Connecticut which please to pay when it appears — I am surprised at the advance of Hemp if those can fix the fair price at $300 I shall be glad but it is more than I have expected. at that I can send the more — Those has been very industrious in despatch Capt Gardner — I shall attend to his Acct — I have again sent 16 Casks more for Bread which please to have packed & send by Sales of same kind I am much obliged by thy kind invitation — I am &c

4 mo 1 1803

Boot & Pratt

I shall have to draw about £2200 in course of 2 weeks & 60 days on London & if you are in want shall be pleased to furnish you the amount at that time I want to pay $4,500 & if more convenient to you to make the payment at 60 days with Interest I think it probable it may accommodate me for the remainder

I am &c

6mo 2, 1803

Owen Owen

This evening I recd thy letter of Nov 2d last inclosing thy draft on Capt Daniel Waterman at 30 days for £ 65.6.6 stg in my favr with directions when it is paid to place it to my Brothers Acct. Capt Waterman has been absent about 18 months in a Ship I am concerned in & may not be here short of 5 or 6 months on his arrival I will do what is necessary to obtain the payment & as thou requests inform my Brother thereof

Jesus to

6mo 6, 1803

Jos Taylor

I request thy information what will be the prs upon Oil on board the Wareham from the South Sea or Pacific Ocean to Milford-Haven I have no positive date to go from but my brothers letter dated 1mo 26 who says "The Ann arrived last evening all "well with 1500 Bbls stg Oil the Wareham parted Company "on the 5th of 8mo last all well with 1200 Bbls (Oil) going "for wood to the Gallipago Islands & may be expected daily" In addition to this Capt Long of the Diana from Brazil heard on the Coast of Brazil that the Wareham passed that Coast in the 11mo. As the Ann was spoke on 15 of 12mo in lat 9 North I think the Wareham was not more than 10 days behind her in passing the Brazil Coast. Capn Longs Acct being only Verbal yet to me undoubted I do not like to fix upon any place where it may be attended with trouble to prove in case of Loss & yet I do not consider the with any more than if I had positive knowledge of her at Brazil. In insuring this Oil I conceive my Ideas upon the general subject will be adverted by my friend Burley, with whom I had much conversation when last in Town & to fulfill my promise to him which I omitted at that time I now add a Copy

of my statement to shew that only 1/5 of the Oil obtained ought to be considered a substitute for the outfit insured? As upon the plan urged by our Pres. Wells that all the Owners part of Oil goes in lieu of outfit until the value is made up, if every article of the outfit might be still on board when the Oil would pay the whole it therefore cannot be correct — & I can see no plan more equitable than the one annexed, which I wish by common agreement might be adopted in all the offices Yours

6 mo 5. 1803

Ezek Wilkinson

On the 15 of next Mo I think I have a Note falls due at the Washington Insurance Company for Prm $902.50 I shall be much obliged if thou will take up the same at or before that time on acct of the Prm thou had last fall

I charged thee $102.50 for half the Prm & $100 for the other half amots in the whole to $1035.28 ¢, As the Cr was to be 6 mo with interest after 4 - I hope it will make no difference with it paid a few days only before the expiration of the Cr if thou cannot make it convenient please to let me know it in season to make arrangements for it — Yours

Rowland Hazard

Newport. 1803

Last mail brought me a letter from J B Dochray, making proposals for discharging the Mortge I hold upon the farm thou sold him from some observations that thou made I conceived thou had some wish to redeem it thyself & therefor delay writeing him in time to hear from thee as the payment does not fall due untile next month

Bro^r Hatsford and myself have felt embarrassed on acct of our engagements with Him respecting the Candles as we have had a demand for them and cannot hold them longer unless its thy Choice to take them to thy acct^n

Sam^l &c.

Thos Dickason & Co^y 4 mo 7. 1803

Craving reference to my last of 18^th Jan^y ult^o I am now oblig'd by your favr of 29^th Jan^y giving me information of the arrival of the Ann and account of my brothers others ships a letter fm him of 2 mo 5 came also to hand this evening with yours adding the agreeable intelligence of the Wareham's arrivals and this last was in season To stop some insurance I was about making by his order. It is indeed a very fortunate circumstance for him after the extreme perils those Ships have run. As the period approaches for the payment of the Columbus to meet it I this day draw twenty two hundred pounds at 60 days upon you in favour of Booth & Pratt at maturity you will please to pass them as here to fore 2/5 to B R & 3/5 to Swis De Banque

Sam^l &c

Booth & Pratt 4 mo 7. 1803

This evening I have your favour of yesterday in reply to mine of the 4^th. which by accident missed the first post.

althe earlier than I proposed I conclude it makes no difference to you when I send the bill, and as it is not material to me I now inclose you my bill of this date on Thomas Dickason & Co at 60 days for Twenty two hundred pounds Sterling at the premium of 17/8 P Cent as your proposal I shall be obliged by your paying into Union Bank to the Credit of my brother Samuel Rodman Forty five hundred Dollars and the other may be placed to my Credit in United ~~Bank~~ States Bank If not perfectly convenient to place the whole next week One hundred Dollars will equally answer my purpose

Yours &c

I shall have again to draw in course of a month & shall be pleased to send the bills to you

Peter Roe Dalton

4 mo 12 1803

I take the liberty of inclosing to thee James Babbidges draft on Davenport & Tucker in favour of Jacob Barker & by him indors'd to me for $300 dated New York 9 Inst at 10 days sight — Thy attention in collecting the same & placing it to the Credit of my account will oblige me

Booth & Pratt underdate 9th inform me they have placed to my Credit at US Bank $544 44/100

I am very respectfully &c

Isaac & Hicks Fisher
Wm Burroughs

6 mo 16 1803

I regret that the little parcel of Oil sent thee has created thee so much trouble. The fact is simply this We have but little of the article on hand & no more than we expect to net us $1 ₱ Gallon for the summer Strained. Still we have been desirous of keeping thee supplied that thy customers may not be turned away to others. for the probability of the time coming when a plenty of it may be at Market & the sale may be advantageous to us Which we know now is against us particularly if thou should continue to charge us the comm^n we formerly agreed to allow thee at a time when the Oil was selling to a profit under these impressions I expected when I wrote thee last thou would sell 100 ℔ to thy customers as I supposed the former had sold for & this kind I understand Starbuck sold when last at Providence at 110 ℔ & that is not so high as we now get for Government. Thou will now feel thyself at liberty to act as thou thinks best for our interest to sell it at 1 ℔ or more. I am &c

John B Dockray

4 mo 9 1803

Last Mail brought me thy letter of 25^th^ mark some proposals for the discharge of the Mortgage I hold upon the Estate thou purchased of R Nag^r. the term expires this Spring & it would have been very agreable to me to have realized at the time. still I had rather it should rather it should lay a little longer for me to receive the whole together than to take it in parts. Whenever thou has the money ready I shall like to receive it at Rhode Island Bank. I am &c

Louis De Bauque

Craving reference to my last of
10th with I have now the pleasure of acknowledging the receipt
of thy two very obliging favours dated 17th Jany which with
their duplicates came to hand in the week past their
contents are noticed and be assured of my readiness on all
occasions to attend to and serve thy interest —
I cannot account for the Bill of Sale not having reached
thee as I inclosed it to Capt Moores in my Letter of 11 mo 26
which Letter reached NewYork in season for the Columbus
& I have no doubt went in her if by any accident it was
omitted it must doubtless have reached Dunkirk very shortly
after of which I hope thy next will inform me having no
Copy of Register here I cannot ~~copy~~ execute one without sending to
Newbury Port but this I propose doing unless I hear again
from thee in a few days — I now annex my Acct Curt
as it respects the Columbus and as the Hector Acct was closed
I have added to this the further Balance of J Barker Acct
with that Ship $71-79 — On the 7th I drew for £2200 to make
payment for the Ship & this day for the balance £411..5..1
all at a prm of 1½ pCt which for 60 days bills is the highest
rate, all which I hope will meet thy approbation — such
a Ship as the Columbus I presume cannot now be bought
in the United States short of $13.000 the time of her purchase
was the most favourable that has occurred since the restoration
of peace — I inclose Copies of J Barkers Acct With best
Ships Compts

4mo 20 1803

John Maybin

Thy two obliging favours of 18th 22
came duly to hand & by Norton the Flour & Crackers
their amount $41..93 is to thy Cr upon it thou ought
to have added a Comm[n] While the House charged
a Commission of 5 pCent I know they were not in the habit
of Charging any thing for little Matters for family use
yet observing thou hast reduced the Commission (I think
prudently) to 2½ I wish thee always to Charge it

Noticing thy remarks upon Hemp being held at $330 I have determined to Ship from 5 to 10 Tons by Norton who may now daily be expected from Boston As the Hemp is nearly all purchased off the Market at Petersburg & at a very high price none can arrive early & I have no doubt it will be $300 generally 280 to 290 is now quoted at Boston I give thee Notice of its coming that thou may be prepared to sell it on arrival if best in thy judgment for my Interest It is of excellent quality (Clean Hemp) Jr mo 8

Benjamin Rotch 1 mo 9 1803

I congratulate thee upon the safe arrival of thy two Ships the Ann & Wareham announced by thy two letters of 1 mo 26 & 2 mo 5 the first reached me in the last and the latter in the present week, the last in season to stop my negociating for insurance upon the wareham having had no accounts from those Ships of Hicks being released I concluded thou would on the arrival of the ann find that I could not have heard of them & would have effected the insurance on that side Our Offices in Boston have become so powerful a body that I dare not yet have any insurance made on a whale Ship beyond the first cost as they have endeavoured to establish the Doctrine that the Cargo is converted from the Outfit & is the same thing. I have taken much pains to establish the point otherwise & insisted that not more than ⅓ the Oil ought to be so considered this I think reasonable and they have my statement under consideration but until they agree to it I have concluded to have no further Insurance made as I conceive it will be throwing away the premium & in case of loss they are determined to dispute the payment

of Course thou must insure the Catchings of thy Ships on your Side under these Considerations, I do not feal myself justified in making any further Insurance upon the Hannah & Eliza notwithstanding thy orders. The Fire and Marine Insurance Comp.y insist they have the whole Cost to pay upon the three ships at last so far as they insured upon them which was $ 25000 on the A & H & the whole of the H & E — If I accept it I yield to their point & ought to have return premium for the Ris as the insurance upon that in case of loss could not be recovered if their principle is established when I get thy documents I shall act with my best judgement but hope to establish a new & Correct principal of admitting only 3/5 to be considered a substitute for material provision &c — Yesterday I paid another bill of Goodwin & Colemans in favour of Whipple Andrews Lima July 6. 1802 for $ 1100 — Andrews having died in S.t America his widow has lately received it I want much to receive thy Claim upon the Underwriters — I notice thy remarks upon Ships if thou gives me orders I will do the best I can but I cannot buy such a Ship as the Sachem for less than $ 12,000 in any part of America according to the best accounts I can collect — it was a most fortunate purchase when I bought those three Ships. The Spanish Consuls Certificates were totally refused when last in Boston 5 weeks the Consul informed he had rec.d from his Court a Certificate he gave Thos. Coffin with a very severe rebuke & he dare not grant any more of that kind. — I feelingly sympathize with thee in the late afflictions of ~~thy family~~ dispensed to thy family it is indeed great cause of thankfulness that a disorder of that kind often proving very mortal with us should pass thro' thy family

and all recover — my last Letter from A B was Leeds 3 Mo. 4! — A Delano in our Ships Elizabeth sailed from Charleston 21st Ult. for Europe with 70 Tons Whale Oil abt. 60,000 lbs Upland Cotton & 200 Casks Rice Amt $30,00 bound to Abms Order & Petersburgh — Hemp has taken a great rise here $280 we had about 30 tons unsold the other went at $200 only a moderate Profit

Je suis &c

Manning & Kimball

4 Mo 26. 1803

When Capt. Woodbury was here in the Latona, he hinted at an expectation my friend Abraham Barker had given him of Ship'g 5 Tons more of Hemp by him, Barker who was interested with me in the Hemp left Petersburg before Capt. Woodbury loot it on board & never gave me any information respecting it but having wrote him upon the Subject, he thinks Capt. Woodbury had a Claim for the freight of 5 Tons more if he had not an opportunity of filling his Ship otherwise. — I accordingly now now inclose you my Check on Branch Bank for One ~~Hundred~~ hundred Dollars for that deficiency on the receipt whereof you will please to acknowledge it to me —

I am &c

PS I draw the Check to your order you will observe it must be endorsed by you before it goes to the Bank

WG

John Maybin

5 Mo. 3. 1803

Referring thee to my last of ult I have now to hand thee Capt. Norton's bill Lading for 8 Tons excellent Hemp which hope will find a speedy & good Sale $300 is now asked for this article in Boston & New York. and I hope it will fetch that in Philadelphia —

However I rely upon thy judgement in its Sale —

I have just given Joseph Babcock (a passenger with Capt Norton) a draft on thee for $155 at sight which please to pay & place to my Acct —

"when a demand occurs for Sperm Oil please to inform me, very little is on hand at present —

Je suis &c

If Cap Norton should want $200 or $300 pleas supply & take his draft on me

5 mo 6 1803

Samuel Emmerson

If I am correct in my recollection our mutual fr[d] E Stocker informed me thou had the care of selling Shotwell's Patent brushes being much in advance for Shotwell I am anxious to make some collections towards them and shall be obliged by thy early information what progress has been made in the sales and what Money thou has now subject to my Order

Je suis &c

5th mo 6 1803

Thomas Thompson

It is nearly a year since I had the pleasure of receiving a letter from thee since which I hope thou has made much more progress in the Sales of Shotwells brushes of this I shall be glad to be informed having made considerable advances to my friend Shotwell dependent upon those sales at least in the first instance — Je suis &c

Jacob Barker

New Bedford 5 mo 6 1803

I have now before me thy letters of 23 Ult & 2 Instant & duly note the Contents & not willing to dwell any longer on the Cons[d] Subject Have to explain a matter that will reconcile our letters in those of 12 Ult 15 Stating my claim thou called it 1 3/100 I supposed it an error & that it meant

1/4 — had it been expressed as thou thought my reply would have cleared the matter at the time — I will just add that last summer I gave Isaiah Hussey a letter of introduction to J Braddee he bought the Jefferson & as in the case of the Diana J B gave endorsed notes while the money could be remitted no previous contract was made and Braddee charged only 1 ℔ Cent — and for the Winslow bought for J Rodman & J Swain, he wrote rather apologizing for charging them 1 ℔ Cent —

I inclose M & B, obligation to P Cuff with my rect — J Rotch & A Barker were concerned in the German Goods which made it necessary to distinguish the Storage and it was only for that account I asked the explanation altho' I confess it was a little surprising to me that my Storage with thee should exceed $100 in 12 months it appeared particularly high for the Oil, but as it is a very inflamable article I had rather pay more to have it few prag. I have now compared my acct to thine and having in course those credits thou omitted & some dft to thy credit which thou had not rec — I have settled it with a balance in my favr $9816.77 & request thou will again balance thy books comfortable to the inclosed minute it will be easier for thee to compare to my settlement than for me to do it to thine — & I have not time to send thy Acct Current now but hope soon to do it let the ℔ 3 for the omitted quills be considered grats.

I am much pleased with thy Commercial regulations and feel myself obliged by them. —

When thou sells the musk please send me a bill of the three pieces & I will place it to thy Credit —

I have a advice of J & S Wills depositing to my Cr

in the Bank Boston $271 14 on the Act
but none of Sigourneys however Mr Hazard is
now in Boston & has my Bank Book with him
I shall find it at his return & if paid will credit it
as also the remittance from Portland when they
appear — The letter thou inclosed for James
was put on board the first paket but she is yet
here — — —

I am &c

please to send me a Qr Cask of Powder & 10 Bar Gr
by first Packet & if tar is low 20 or 30 barrel

WR

5 Mo 11. 1803

Joseph Taylor

Thine of 6th came to hand in case
I am yet without the Documents from my
brother for the adjustment of the loss on the
Ann & Wareham he promised me to send
them on immediately — Drafts from the
Captains have reached me from Lima &
I have paid them upwards of $1600 — when
the settlement takes place I expect to draw
upon London for whatever balance is due
having no funds in my hand belonging to my
brother — was it not for this circumstance
of being without funds I would willingly advance
$ 200 will help thee out — I will either accept thy
draft here or Lima thee a check therefor

Je suis &c

Jacob Barker

5 Mo 16. 1803

I am obliged by thy favour of 13th &
have credited the Invoice of Tar & Powder — also
charged the net proceeds of Sales rendered — in them
I find 1033 1/2 Gr Oil @ 47¢ $ 485.74 and 606 Gr @ 50¢
$ 308 either the gallons are wrong or there are
errors in casting — which please to examine
and inform me — I have a few more
candles on hand which I promise to send thee

by the Lydia — I have yet rec'd no letter deposits on thy account since Sep'r — I hope the market for Whale Oil will continue to the arrival of the Uncle Tobey & then will be able to sell hers at the present high price — Thou mentioned to me relative to purchasing that Ship — I have no orders from Europe at present nor am I in want of such an one myself

I am &c

5 mo 28. 1803

Andrew E. Dorr

Thy Letter of March 28th under the Boston Post Mark of 6th Inst came lately to hand, thy Bond I did not recollect was remaining in my hands it having been cancelled & filed with my own I have sought it and now inclose it — A W R Jun'r

Isaac Hicks 5. Mo. 20. 1803

Thy Letter of 14th inclosing Richard Blews draft on Hathaway & Borden in favour of Grelet & Bell for $438 70/100 I receiv'd last night and they both living out of this Village I met this morning with Capt Thomas Nye, who being also an Owner in the Washington he has accepted in their behalf payable at Post & Russels Newyork which I hope will prove acceptable to the Concerned for altho' unmercantile I have no Doubt will give it due Honour —

Josiah Bradlee

5 mo 28. 1803 —

At a Stock Holders meeting of Bedford Bank on the 26 I motion'd that 6 Shars held in reserve should be abated to thee which readily obtained and I paid 6 dollars p Share assessment for building the Bank — these are now subject to thy choice, and if not thy wish to have them I shall be glad to hold them myself — If thou prefers having them, I will provide for the first instalement next week —

By the Rosetta Capt Jon.a Howland I have shipped thee 40 boxes more Candles of your usual excellent quantity — which hope will meet a speedy sale

Jam.a &c

Some time since 100 boxes China to Pope & Bourne to retail for 5 ₰ Cent Comm.n Ezra A Bourne now informs me he is about giving up the Store & wishes to give them up he has paid me $ 200 — I wish thee to receive them if necessary to remove them before any opp.y offers to send them to me — or if thou can sell them at $ 6 please settle with E A Bourne and receive or pay as the acct may be —

5 mo 30. 1803

Georg Myrick

I am obliged by thy letter of 22. covering Sales of my Oil & of 23.d covering that of Capt Randall's Bbls I have duly placed to thy Cr. on examining them I found in mine the charge of ₰ on 23 3/4 Bbls @ 2/ wharf & carried out ₰ $12.20 — for $8.87 difference 3.33 & short charge of Comm.n including that on the full-binding 6/ on 1 charge thee in addition to thy sales $2.72 which if right please to conform thy Books — That whole parcel of Oil

was ship 2/3 on Acct & 1/3 on my Acct

2320 on his & 1160 on my a/c = 3480 thou Credits him 2325 + me 1124 Loss 20 = 3480

by which he has rec'd pay for 16 Gls more than he ship'd & I am 36 Gls short of what I ship'd: the full Guage of the casks in my sales are 1160 but from the full guage of the casks ship'd 88 Gls were pumpt off 1/3 of that was mine say 29 Gls. of course that ought to be taken from his sales & put to mine 2/3 the 20 Gls Loss being his say 13 Gls & 16 Gls over makes the 29. if thou rec this as I do I wish his Sales to be corrected as his Wife may know nothing of the Union of Our Oil the may not be convinced of its being right if I alter it, thou may make it thus by putting only the whole number at the average price

I am to

5 mo 28. 1803

Peter Roe Dalton

I now inclose thee G Simpsons Cash: draft on thee for $ 410.80 date 21 inst in favour of Wm Logan Fisher & by him indorsed to pay to my Co thy doing it will oblige Wm Rotch

5 mo 31. 1803

Root & Pratt

I have about $2000 Stg Exchange on London at 60 days sight to dispose of. If agreable to you to take I shall be obliged by your offer of prs as soon as convenient I am to

5 mo 31. 1803

James Barker

As I shall soon have considerable Money to remit to Nantucket on Acct of Voyages in my brothers Ships I wish to know how thy collections are like to be from Sales of the Remp and I wish as soon as thou can make it convenient to pay David Bayles Wife $200 & David Weirs Wife $200 more I have some bills to sell before I can make arrangements of the whole. If thou has it by thee on my Acct after paying those two sums please to

pay £200 or £00 to James Gwinns Wife & take all their orders on me I am &c

Josiah Bradlee 6 Mo 4 1803

Thine of 30 ult I duly rec'd & am glad to hear the Rosetta has arrived. —

The first installments payable on or before the 6th Inst I have this day paid upon thy 5 shares say 50 Dollars each $250 as p the rect of the President here inclosed. this Sum thou may place to my credit in the Bank

The Assessment of $5 p Share I have placed to thy debit. I will thee not to pay that as it is the expectation of the Directors to repay it as soon as the Bank gets into operation

The Dorcilla I suppose will be returning here that if thou hast no market for the China it may be sent by her.

I am —

Charles Samuel & George Enderby — 6 Mo 4. 1803

Your favour of 9th March has duly come to hand canceling the Orders for the purchase of Oil you had previously given me. That article comes Scarce & high in this Country and the quantity brought in since I wrote you has been very small — and brought up from £62 to £70 Stg Stead matter £90 — until another year it is probable the price may keep up. —

Altho I feel reluctant at giving you the trouble I am about to solicit, Yet the persuasion that I can apply therefor to no one on whose attention I can so fully rely, induces me to solicit your enquiry after the affairs

of one Joseph White a black man who has sailed several years from England & lately from London in the Fishery - his brother Amos White returned from London the last winter & informed me that Jos. was a Coat Hecrer and arrived early in the year 1801 from a successful Voyage, did that before he rec.d any of his Voyage he died his brother says at the house of Mrs Cowdray in aldscoat Lane No.j foot of new Grabel Lane as he went away in my debt. I have obtained a Letter of Administration and take the liberty of inclosing it to you in hopes there may be some thing recovered to pay that & also for his wife & family who reside in this Country - I wish you to employ some person to find what ship he was in & if his brothers account be true that his Voyage is yet due if so I wish you to receive it & hold it for my Order and any expense that may attend the business altho' you may find nothing due him I will chearfully pay he has no other property on this side - and unless I can find something in London I must lose £30 or £40 Stg.

I am &c

Thomas Dickason & Co

Since my last of 4 mo 7 I am obliged by your Letter of 18 Febr and your attention to the several drafts on my acct & those of J Rubs & S & M Fisher & cite my sincere thanks I have debited you by Gst Haviland £196.5.6 the sum you advise me of having placed to my Cr and hope soon to be informed of £200 to my Cr from W Rutledge who assures me he requested it done from N York perhaps two mos ago The Elizabeth Hope soon to hear has arrived at Havre she being spoke Lat 24. Lon 16 of 4 mo I gratefully acknowledge your kindness in offering your aid in the Peterburg business the Cargo of the Endeavour acct having amounted to £30000 I hope will prove adequate to our wishes for a Cargo Yet our friends A B have thro your continued kindness obtained a Cr for some early Shipments from the Baltic I wish such sums as may be advanced for those purposes to be replaced by funds I have in Europe

Isaac Thurs & Co rec originally my Orders to remit to you proceeds of all the goods I have shipped to them unless advised by A B, the funds now in hand with them consist of half proceeds of an Invoice I & J jointly shipped by my Brother Redman & self of which they have rend acct sales Wpds to my Cr £846.11 and they have recently written me they had sold my remaing 100 whole Chests B Tea I had suggested to A Barker the applyg these funds to any early purchase he might think best to order if he has not done it and you are under acceptances from Peterburg I wish you would advise them to make you such remittance unless the Exchange is so much against me that you may think it more to my Interest to remit you from this side & pay you Interest therefor, at all events you are at Liberty to order it as may be agreeable to you and I prefer it at a moderate Loss however I hope I shall soon hear again from A B

& shall govern myself accordingly —

Capt Coleman of the Ann arrived about ten days since and brought an order from my brother to draw upon you to pay to several who were in his Ships Twenty Hundred Fifty one pounds 1/7. This I have done in a bill some time since in favr Wm & Alex for £25 one this day to Rathbone Hughes & Duncan for £139.16. and another to Boos & Pratt for the remainder £1886.5.7 all at 60 days which you will please to honor & place to the Acct of my brother

B Rotch Jamo —

Boos & Pratt 6 Mo 6. 1803

I now inclose you my bills on Thomas Dickason & Co London at Sixty days for £1886.5.7. a 2 ½ Cent prem. $ 8551 12/100 when Convenient you will please to place the Same to my Credit in US Bank, I do not expect to have occasion to draw it fm thence until after next week, if any accomo= dation to you it may be omitted until then

Rathbone Hughes & Duncan Je suis &c —

6 mo 6. 1803

Your Letter of 25th March I recd a short time since inclosing your draft on Reuben Jenna for £139.16/. this having been accepted at Maturity arrangements were made for its payment to my acceptance, and therefor I now inclose my own drafts on Thos Dickason & Co for that sum at 60 Days

Wherever I can be of any service to you please command with freedom

I am &c

6mo 6. 1803

Isaac Hicks

I solicit thy attention in collecting & place to my Cr the inclosed bill date 30 Ult drawn Reuben Jenne on Sam Hicks for $ 5 days after date endorsed by Jos Bonnor for $370 - will any thing be obtained for the order I sent thee on W Shotwell When thou sees a prospect of selling 5 or 6 Tons more Nails please inform me the price I think I shall yet have so much to spare none may be expected as early as my friends write me none being left on hand it will not be at Market at Petersburg until latter part of sept next Mo - Jam to

George Myrick

6mo 20 1803

Thy letter of 15 is received & it will be agreeable to me for thee to pay thy Brother Isaac Ray all the balance of Capt Randalls & my acct - & take his order on me

Jam to

Arnold Wells

6mo 20 1803

I now inclose thee my Check for $1431.50 for my four Notes upon policies as at foot which please to inclose me by the Bearer Capt John Howland or any other conveyance - I have at length received from my Brother the Protests of Capt Coleman & Gurnn of the Ann & Wareham which if not sent by this conveyance shall forward thee soon - I expect very soon to be in Boston & hope we shall adjust our business relative to those Ships upon proper principles - Jam to

Prem on policy	No 1834	$233.50
do	do 1888	221 -
do	do 1912	351 -
do	do 1953	626 -
		$1431.50

New Bedford 6 mo 23 1803

Wm John Drew

Thy uncle Wm Chealy having requested of me a Letter of Credit for thee in case thou should arrive in any port of America distant from this, and be in want of money to bear thy expences to this place —, I hereby authorize the to draw upon me for such necessary expences not to exceed fifty Dollars leaving this Letter with either of my friends herein named for their security, and in whichever place thou may arrive I have no doubt either of them will furnish thee & take thy draft on me — Proud & Bigelow Baltimore — John Maybin Philadelphia. Isaac Hicks New York or Josiah Bradlee Boston —

I am &c

I hold myself accountable to Wm Rotch Jr for whatever money William Drew may draw upon him by virtue of his letter of Credit of which the foregoing is Copy —

Wm Chealy

Ths Gould.

6 mo 24 1803

On receipt of thy letter of 6 mo 6 my Brother & self agreed to furnish your City with 1000 Gallons best winter Oil and wait till the first of 10 month next. wishing to make the terms of payment agreeable to the common council this Quantity being all we have of that kind. Shall

ship it when Akin returns by him we sent the 500 Gls & returned this oil to replace the ullage of thick sent, we put that Quantity at 90 Cents. Having since I wrote thee the price contracted to supply 6000 Gls to the City of New York at that price for the Summer & $1 — for the Winter oil —

Jas Vc

7 mo 9 1803

Isaac Hicks

Thy favour of 13th Ult would not have been so long neglected but for my engagements at our yearly Meet at Newport & Quarterly at Nantucket. I have since rec'd one from thee Comm of your M° Meeting. it is indeed affecting that so many instances occur to disgrace our high religious profession. and join with thee in belief that more watchfulness & care has become necessary particularly in early inspection & advice which I think we ought all to be open & candidly receive —

When WS returned from the Eastward he represented his prospects of sales his bushes as very flattering and I understood him that generally he had agreed with his agents that on their receiving a supply they would accept his drafts at 90 days for their amt or near it charging him Interest until in Cash. under this idea & from his importunity I ex him some tea to the amt of nearly $2,000 on 6 mo Cr. & altho his agents were instructed to account with me for the whole amt of their sales & accept the same yet I was not willing to rest the sale of my Tea upon that event only & he promised payment from other resources at the end of 6 mo. he agreed with G Dadley to cart his Bushes & appointed G Howland his agent to distribute them promising payment from N York for their first cost the founder being in circumstances

a few remittances to me from his eastern agents perhaps 150 or $200 I relinquished for his accommodation some unexpected delays have occurred in getting the Busts forward was the reason I delayed calling at the end of the 4 mos & to this time $50 is all I have rec'd to his Credit & I find about $160 more is all I can find in the hands of his agents & the Busts are gone much out-of repute —

Such parts of this as thou thinks best thou may communicate to the Committee - as my answer to them —

Shrive of the 4 to Congdon Price & Hathaway & Borden have accepted the Bill of R Blow for $ - which they will pay here - of course thou will please pass it to my Cr

I feel much affected at the wantonness of England & France in going again to War it now looks very distant when that Calamity will take its leave of our habitable Globe

Yours to

Jacob Barker

New York

Deeply affecting it is indeed that the awful Calamity of War should be again spread over the most powerful Nations of Europe - While I greatly deplore this event I cannot but View with Gratitude a kind hand of Providence in having favored our application for the purchase of Louisiana an event which if of the plans contemplated I consider can hardly be purchased too dear — I have Letters from Abm Smith he mentions nothing of ordering Duck from Liverpool some has been purchased at Petersburg & ordered by the first ship to America should it arrive at N York it will probably be all forfeit & of contrivance high had best be carefully used but I

of put to be informed of its destination before it may be expected ——— I am very glad thou have done so well with the Tobey — I shall to find next week (as I am then Bound to Boston) that L Weeks has paid at Bank to my Cr the $ — Now Last ordered as I am now in want & cannot negociate any dfts on Nyk — When I find Mc Lellan has deposited $333 with Cr thee for it —

I have just taken $1000 of Wm Howland & given him a dft on thee at sight — I am &c

Thomas Gould

7 mo 9. 1803

Thy favour of 23d Ult was handed me this day by Jacob Akin with four hundred eighty three Dollars 50/100 and is duly placed to thy Cr Capt Akin sailed during my absence at our yearly Meeting once which I have been much absent and I find my brother who had the care of Shipping the Oil did not write thee the price — After I wrote thee upon that subject we accepted an Offer to supply the City of Nyk with 4000 Gls at 90 ¢ of the same kind of Oil of course yours ought to go at the same price & is so charged as at foot, we conclude to send the 1000 Gls Winter Oil (which is all we have on hand) by J Akin & leave the Chamberlain not to pay for it until the time proposed say 1st of 10 mo — if more convenient —

I am &c — 509 Gls Oil at 90 ¢ — $458.10

Boston 7 mo 16 1802

Benjn Rotch

Thy last letter was 7 mo 26
by Coleman since which I have drawn the sums
thou ordered & paid the people respectively - I came
here last evening to make to make a settlement
with the underwriters have not yet seen them but
expect to met them this morning when I may expect
to ascertain the principles upon which they expect to
adjust the business - I am sorry thou has not furnished
me with the items actually accrued in St America
as they ought to form a part of the charges
& they have a right to call for such vouchers as it
is in our power to procure - I wish thee to lose no
time in sending them that if their wants create
delay it may be remidied - I shall do the best
in my power for thy Interest & as Br Redman
is with me I shall claim his aid - finding
the Nancies Pardon Howland here to sail this
morning was desirous to give thee this hint
I sincerely regret that events (of) (too small importance)
have again brought on the calamity of War
between France & England this I conclude will
discourage Ray from entering upon thy plan -
I have not yet been able to find a Ship for
thee & shall now suspend it as I presume thou
will not wish it unless to convey a Cargo of Oil -
All the Oil that has come in since I wrote thee
has found a Market in this country - We have
bought about 100 Tons since the Barclay from $210
to $200 at which price it is ready sale & we
have after straining sold the whole manufactured
& are under contract for nearly all we have

on hand & none under £60 for body Oil
& some upwards of 100£ - in the fall I expect it will go
higher than £60 that of Whale gives me any future orders
I shall not be able to execute them under 60£ Less so for
that - the consumption of that Article in america since
the Use of Agitable Lamps has amazingly increased
& is still increasing by our last reports our Ships Fishermen
were low in the Pacific Ocean I have no Accounts from them
The Diana Waterman has come round the Cape of
Good Hope with 100 Tons Sp. left the Maria Brightman
off Madagascar with 300 bbls in 4 mo - the scurvy
induced Waterman to leave the coast he can bring
60 Tons more - Whale Oil is upwards of 120£ and
Quick Sale headmatter £90 - Ships are now greatly
advancing & much wages after that it will be
important for me to receive early Orders if there
gives them but I cannot get a Ship with Oil as
early as most of our Ships have gone off Cape
Fumas calculating to fill in Delago Bay of course
cannot be home until the 11mo at that time it is
probable there may be 200 Tons on Market -

7mo 22. Conforming the foregoing I have now to
inform them that for want of the proof of expences
in Lima the Writers refuse to come to a settlement
nor do I see in them a disposition to allow any
any more than those expences as they will allow
nothing for detention & the most I conceive they will give
up is the provisions for the Crew while under detention
I shall pay nearly the Ins upon the Ann & Wareham
leaving the final settlement when the fate of the
H & E is decided any information they can give me
from the practice of Lloyds will be acceptable -
Br Rodman joined me in meeting the Underwriters

but we could gain no point —

Bills are very dull I have sold £1000 at 1/2 pct & must to day sell under that — £2000 more to close the premiums and doubt obtaining little if any above par — The Ship Superb built at North River of 330 Tons 9 Years Old was sold at Auction at $10,600 She is undoubtedly rotten —

Yours —

7 mo 20. 1803

J D & Co.

Since my last of 6th inst I have rec'd your esteemed favours of 8 march 18. 22 & 27 April to their contents due attention is paid — I have communicated to R. R Hazard your Message and have further to solicit your attention to a further property of his representes in London in the names of Jones & Clark late of ~~Boston~~ Charleston now of Philadelphia which Claim Hazard has secured to me & as the situation of J & C appears a little critical in case of any award hope you can stay the property until I can obtain the necessary documents to substantiate it, which Hazard nor myself have yet been able to procure from J & C it is on half the Brig Eliza Capt Rider Captured at Martinico — Value about $ 14,000 Hazards 1/2 $7000 of which about $3000 was insured in Charleston & Hazards claim is about $4000 with the Interest when you can gain any information of awards upon either of those 3 Vessels I shall be obliged by your giving me the information thereof — I have placed to your Credit £146.5/ Insurance upon the Elizabeth & also for 1/2 Rs 9900 your acceptances from Petersburg — And Charge you £200 by Henry Hutchinson agreable to your information of its being placed to my Credit

And as I have now to settle the premiums upon the Ann & Wareham I have concluded to draw upon you at this time viz favr of Freeman Baty & Co at 60 days £1000 in four bills Viz £350. £185. £215 & £250 and £1000 in my own favr which request at Maturity you will please to my Cr. the other abt £700 or £1000. expect to sell to day or tomorrow & advise action of this pleas charge same to BR. I hear of the Elizabeth ready to sail from Havre by letter from Capt Delano dated 15 may & daily look for her arrival at Petersburg Hemp is now from $280 to $300 pr ton & from the present number of Vessels now building it appears probable the demand will be large for the approaching season. Sail Cloth is also high & if ours arrive in season we shall do well with it

It is with extreme regret I view the approach of Hostilities between E & F having enjoyed a hope the Calamity of War would be long kept from its ravages in those Countries. This Unhappy event has not materially affected our Markets yet a general Stagnation of business appears for the moment. I am glad to find my brothers Oil came to good Market altho out of season for the first Contract I have gained no further advice of the Hannah & Eliza since she was left by Coleman. I have since the above drawn £650 in favour of Boot & Pratt & £350 in favr Pratt & Andrews the whole 8 bill No 1. 28 total amount £3000. which you will please to debit BR & acct

Yours &c

7 mo 26. 1803 —

Moses Seixas

I solicit thy care in collecting the inclosed draft John G Proud on Earl & Whitehorne dated Baltimore July 12 @ 60 days after date for nine hundred Dollars & when rec'd place the same to my Credit - I am &c —

7mo 26 1803

~~James Gwinn~~
alias
Irvine Coleman I am obliged by thy paying Gwin & Wm Wives the sums I desired which thou will find to thy Cr in the inclos'd our Currency I found Stocks of all kinds difficult to purchase in Boston & could only get $5000 of 6 pct Deffered Stock upon which is annually paid 8 pr Ct upon the nominal sum 2 pct of which & the interest upon the sum redeemed goes to the redemption of the whole, so that in the year 1825 the whole will be paid off by the 2d 8 pct and to enable them always to know how it stands at each Pr I purchased a Table which is herewith sent The deferd Stock did not draw until the year 1802 the table was made for the 6 pct but I have added in the Margin the date of the years which answers for this kind of Stock & thou will observe against 1803 July there is now due upon every $100 - $95.75.6 consequently $4.24.4 has been already paid & upon the sum now due $95.75.6 I gave 97 pct. — On closing thy acct I am indebted to thee $ 218.15 for

which I inclose thee my Check —
when thou receives the papers please inform me
and send me a Receipt for the balance —
I could do nothing with the underwriters until
I obtained the particular acct of expences in S. Amona

Rem.to

James Barker

7 mo 21 1803

I have no letter from Abm since 5 mo 7 when
he contemplated embarking about the 1st of this mo
the Elizabeth Delano was at Havre 5 mo 15 ready
to sail the first wind for Petersburg she was insured
to her arrival there at 4 pc. from this to Charleston
& Market with liberty to stop in the Channel
for Orders; Abm has 1/4 of her but as I had not
rec'd his conclusion of taking her when she sailed
the stands Registered in my name of course insur-
ance must be made for me or for the Owners of
the Ship I wish thee to have $2500 insurance
made in that manner for Abm at & from
Havre to Cronstadt & at & from thence to this Port
on such terms as thou may think proper leaving
the Policy open until I know the terms if not
exceeding 4 pc. I do not expect her to sail from
thence until this time or the last of this month
as no Hemp was look'd for at Market until
the beginning or middle of this month —
the Ship Valued at $10,000 Rem.to

7 mo 30 1803

Jacob Barker

Thy Letter of 15 I met in Boston &
found the Ex thou mentions to be to my Ex. Vizt McLellan
333 L Wats & Son $468.12 & Stackpole on suing we recollected
he had thy Order to pay me $197 55/100 which he did all three
sums I have placed to thy Cr as also thy Invoice of
Jar pr the Lydia — Thou may rely upon the

Lines being of the first quality & equal to those I had before they will be finished next week — It will be an accommodation to me if I can place 1 or 2 Thousand Dollars more to my Cr in Boston. & I wish Thee to remit to Jos H Fisher 2500 Dollars by the 20 of next mo if Thou can do it with convenience without sending on the money by Post — Thou had doubtless heard of the sudden Death of My Uncle J Barker it is affecting when Instances occur of this kind altho it is what we are all liable to & ought always to be prepared for — 20 bbls more Tar I shall want soon please send it by early conveyance

James

Leonard Jarvis

7mo 30 1803

I saw My Brother last week in Boston & he gave me to Understand that the prospect of closing the business with me was in favorable train this event I shall be gratified in realizing — I have orders from my Cr to ~~purchase~~ charter a Ship of 250 to 300 Tons with Lumber for Milford I shall be greatly obliged by thy early information if such a Ship well calculated to Load Lumber can be chartered in Penobscot River or any 70/ Ship Registered Ton to fill with Lumber & Load on Deck as is Customary & also it would be in thy Power to procure a Cargo partly on the Old Acct & partly for Cash consisting mainly of 20 Masts fr 24 to 15 Inches Also Spars. Oar Rafters 20 m white Oak boards & Plank fr 1- to 4 Inches some white Oak Timber for Wales beams & Straight Timber. 40 white Oak knees Pine Boards & Plank & to fill up with Sqr Pine Timber

from 12 to 18 In- 19ft 3 by 4 & 6-8 Oak & Pine
joist 10,000 best Oak Frame 16 to 18 In long —

By early information of the probability of procuring such a cargo the length of timber it might require to load & of Chartering a Ship in thy neighborhood will much Oblige Wng

Abiel Wood Jr. New Bedford 7th mo 30. 1803

I hope thou will excuse the liberty I take in soliciting thy information upon what terms a Ship well calculated for Lumber could be chartered with you, to load in your neighbourhood with Lumber for Milford Haven in Wales — and whether a Cargo for a Ship from 250 to 300 Tons consisting of Masts (20 only) from 24 to 15 Inches other spars Square pine timber some white Oak timber (Square) & knees. pine boards & Plank. White Oak Plank from 2 In to 4 Inches &c could be readily procured. and if such a Ship could be Chartered to fill the hold & upon Deck, as your Ships are usually loaded at or under £3.10 Stg ℔ Registered Ton.

I shall be obliged by thy reply as soon as convenient, and shall be pleased with an opportunity of rendering thee any service in my power in our Quarter.

I am very respectfully &c

8 mo 1. 1803

Obed Mitchell

Thy Letter of 28 Ult together with one from John Norbeth requesting me thro my Cr Benjn to seek out & pay his mother Rachel Narbeth of Pembroke Green in case she is recignated ten Guineas & also to provide for conveying his Nephew to him — please inform John that I shall with pleasure serve him therein, by requesting my brother to attend to execute his wishes — I expect to write him in a few days — I am &c

Peter Roe Dalton

8 mo 6 1803

I solicit thy attention to the collection & placing to my Cr the amt of the Inclosed dft Richd G Wiggins on David Scott Esqr at sight dated this day for two thousand & 15 Dollars —

Jesus &c

8 mo 6 1803

J Bradlee

I yesterday put on board Schoon: Ann & Williams (or D Anthony Master) 50 boxes of (extra) Spermt Candles which hope from their scarcity will command a shorter Cr — I hope soon to receive sales of the Tea as thy Cas told me they were dead — Our manufactory will afford but few more Candles this season — can thou sell a few Tons of Sp Oil & at what price?

I am &c

James Barker 8 Mo. 9. 1803

Thine of yesterday obliges me by the information of the insurance being effected upon the Elizabeth, and as thou art in doubt respecting the other, I shall write to Boston to have it done not being willing to delay, as I expect to leave home to morrow morning for Portsmouth

As thou feels best satisfied respecting our appointment, so hope thou will act I shall thee up reluctantly, yet do not wish to urge thee, against what appears best, but I hoped our plan, would prove a new s^t to thee fm the prospect of a short absence. I am &c

Joseph Taylor. 8 Mo. 9. 1803

I shall be obliged by thy having Six thousand Dollears insurance made upon Sail cloth ordered to be Shipped from Petersburg for account of my brother B. Rotch & A. Barker at and fm thence to some port in the United States in whatever Ship it may come — I had some Insurance made upon my ship when last in Boston thence to this port at 4 ℘ Cent. and perswone thou can have it done at the Same rate

By my last advices the probability was that the above order would not find a conveyance before that Ship if not I expect it will come by her (the Elizabeth Delano) Jam & c

Arnold Wells

8 Mo. 12. 1803

Returning from Rhode Island this day I find the Hannah & Eliza. Gardner arrived here yesterday from the Pacific Ocean Capt. Gardner informs me that speaking with an English ~~Ship~~ Guinea Ship near the Line he was informed that war existed in Europe & that there were very many French Privateers at Sea and his Mainmast having proved so bad in the hard weather doubling Cape Horn that he was not able to carry sail thereon, which he conceived made it improper to attempt reaching the Coast of Europe, I presume the directors will be satisfied therewith, as doubtless the risk will be much lessened, by having a new mast and the Ship Clearing from here with Invoices & Bills Lading in regular form — The protest I shall inclose if the Notary gets the Copy done in season — I draw

thy early attention and permission to refurnish the Ship with a few necessary articles for a future Voyage. Such as boards for boats and other trifling articles which are more easily procured here than at Milford — I am &c

Peter Roe Dalton 8 mo. 13. 1803

I shall be obliged by thy collecting the inclosed draft of this date Rich.d C. Wiggins upon David Sears Esq.r for fifteen hundred thirty nine Dollars 14/100 & place the same to my Credit —

J. Bradlee has informed me of having placed to my Credit $700 — If any further Sums have been paid to my Cr. by order of J. Barker of New York I shall be obliged by the information when thou hast occasion to write — I am &c

Josiah Bradlee 8 mo. 13. 1803

I am obliged by thy two ~~Letters~~ favours, the former covering Bills of the Bohea Tea — which I am satisfied with — I have credited thee $ 700 deposited at Bank — Paul Cuffee having sent to me his draft for Collection on thee for $ 298 85/100 I inclose

it & request if convet to place it to my Credit in Bank — when the weather becomes a little Cooler propose sending some Oil — I doubt my having 50 boxes more Candles this season —

I am &c

Joseph Saylor 8 mo. 13. 1803

Thy favour of yesterday I am obliged by & return the Note signed for premium — Thy request for $300 I fear I cannot comply with R C Wiggins having been a week in Town collecting what he can — if I can find one or two thousand will send them by the Mail on 4th Day next

I am &c

Jacob Barker 8 mo. 14. 4th 1803

I much regret that my business required any exertion on thy part to make the remittance to Philadelphia, at a time that business is so much embarrased — I supposed nearly the whole amount of my sales were received & I have delayed drawing upon thee whenever I could do without the money, in expectation that resting

it in thy hands would be useful to thee & attended with little inconvenience to myself — I Mayhew has made sales in Philadelphia to sufficient amount to answer my present calls there, but it is not yet due, & he has only offered to accommodate me in part. and I feel reluctant at asking a favour of that kind, which I have rarely done with any of my correspondence. However if thou finds it practicable to remit a part by the 20th & the residue in ale the Month I think I can meet my engagements by a draft on Baltimore — if it appears quite out of thy power, do let me know it by the 23d Current, as I expect to set off for Portland & Nasalborough about that time — The bills at 60 days on Boston will be acceptable, as I have soon to pay $ 5500 this way I have 4 lines more made for thee if any conveyance offers, but hope if not thou can do without them

Jam.s Lloyd

Obed Mitchell

Phila. 15. 1807

Thy letter of 13 Inst. this morning informing of a bill drawn upon me for $ 130 by James Bartgardner

I sent to the Post Office to see if I had any advice respecting it & found [illegible] no letter I apprehended Gardner is in a ship belonging to Homberg & Co. at Havre & my uncle F. Rotch, if I felt myself authorized I would willingly pay it, but as it is my expectation that most of the French Fishermen will take refuge in this Country, Gardner may probably be here & answer the rule himself — I am &c

8 mo 13. 1803

Aaron Mitchell

Thy Letter of the 1st I duly rec'd the price of the good Pot is $32. as to the other that proved defective thou art the best judge of its value & I leave it to thee to say & the amt thou may place to my Cr in the Bank unless more convenient to pay me otherwise — Farewell —

8 mo 17, 1803

Wm Shotwell

Thy Letter of 4 inst came to hand a few days since while I was absent at Ardsley Quarterly Meeting — The Contents I Notice — I had no motive in my narrative to a friend in Nyk respecting our transactions of representing the case unfavorable to thee, but principally to shew my title claim to the Pledge thou had put into my hands & a justification of myself for holding it, & thyself for having given it

not knowing how thou had represented it
to thy Ct. nor do I see much difficulty in recon
ciling the whole business — knowing the prejudices
thou had to combat in establishing thy
Invention I well recollect my totally objecting
to resting my claims wholly upon the sales of the
Buttes and thy then fixing the period of 6 months
for all the payments without Interest. There might
be some conversation respecting my waiting longer
but I always conceived that I had a right to call
upon thee & that thou retained the right of drawing
upon thy agents (until some time after thou was
gone) whenever I called upon thee — the delay
in casting the Buttes was the inducement to
my neglecting it — The flattering prospects thou
returned with no doubt put it out of thy mind
the objection I made to resting my Claim wholly
upon them — as I conceive thou had no doubts
but the whole sum would be easily realized
& my own confidence in the improvement and
in thy representation of thy eastern prospect together
with my friendship for thee & family made me readily
to thy request — and afterwards in finding the difficulty
G Rowland & G Dadley had in obtaining the Iron
thou had promised discouraged my urging them much
on the subject — I feel very sorry for thy present
situation & it is far from me to wish to throw
any embarrassment in thy way & I conceive if
every other obstacle is removed that thy friends will
easily get over the present — I am &c

Aquila & Elisha Janney 8mo. 17. 1803

Your favr. of 8 ult. with 70 Barrels of Flour p the Drusilla came duly to hand at the time of my absence from home. Our flour dealers being very well supplied, I found it a dull article at this season of the year, on the 29 last month I sold 50 bbl at $ 6. 75/100 to John Hawes at 60 days Credit, being the best I could do in picking out that 2. or 3 bbl proved a little musty & consequently unsaleable. the freight, wharfage, truckage & storage will amount with Com.n to 74/100 that it will leave you but about $ 6 — I could have wished to do better for you, but it was out of my power. & as there seems no prospect for a speedy sale for the residue to close the business, I had rather take the above $ 6 if most agreable to you, if not I will do the best I can for your interest if you prefer that mode you will please to receive $ 420 — of John G Laird & give him your bill upon me for the same he having money on hand for my a/c — I am &c

John G Ladd — 8 Mo. 17. 1803 —

Thy favour of 8th Ult. I duly received & note the Contents & wish thou had noticed the State of the Jew articles sent in 2d Mo. last. the Oil I hope was sold before the warm weather — Shoved Aquila & Elisha Janney call upon thee for $420 for my Acct. please to pay them & take their Bills on me for the same & I will please it to thy Credit — I expect a Cargo of Russia Goods next month & wish to be advised of the prospect of sale with you —

I am &c

8 mo 18. 1803

John Mayburn

I was pleased to find by thy Letter of 8th Ult thou had realized our expectations in the Sale of the Hemp the Amo I have paid to thy Debit in the Sum of $2307.$\frac{3}{100}$ — I am obliged by thy accommodating me in part am.t of the Sales but do not at Present stand in need unless I draw a little to oblige Capt Norton —

In course of next Month I shall expect a Ship from the Baltic & its probable some Ships may arrive with you before mine I shall be glad to find the State of your market on their arrival for Hemp Sail-Cloth Ravens Duck & Sheetings — When the cool weather comes on can thou encourage my sales of Oil or Whale the price will be high this fall

Bezilow & Proud June 18. 1803

your respective favours of 13th Inst to 2nd Inst came to hand in due course the former covering 4 B's Bill on Earl & Whitehouse for £900 which Bill I sent to the Cashier for Collection & doubt not it will be duly honoured.

Seth Russell & Sons have paid me £548 96/100 & delivered me 100 Bushels Corn at 62/100 both Sums are placed to your Credit. If quite convenient for you to remit Saml Miers Fisher Philadelphia Six hundred dollars it will be an accommodation to me. In course of next month I shall look for a Ship from Petersburg, & shall be obliged by your continuing to give me the State of your market with the prospect you have for the sale of Hemp & sail Cloth. Sheeting & Ravens Duck also if any Ships are expected from thence to your Port. I hope you have closed the sale of the five Barrels of Oil

I am &c

Saml & Miers Fisher

June 18. 1803

I have charged S & M F
It has been
$877 44/100 paid by Capt Stevens of

Brig Neptune & have accounted
with the Owners therefor — I have some
expectation Bigelow & Prout Baltimore
will remit you $ 600 for my a/c & if the
derangement of busines in New York
does not prevent I expect Jacob Barker will
remit $ 2500 & I shall request Smith
Ridgway &c. to pay you $ 425.66
all which please to place to my Credit
— perhaps I may hereafter want it remitted
to Charleston & perhaps to Boston at present
I have no sale for it — I yet gain no
intelligence of the Elizabeth since she
left home in 5th mo. but hope she was
ready to sail from Cronstadt in ale the
last month & be looked for in the following
mo. Thy letter of the 4th I recd on 15th
& note thy inquires respecting a ship for
Teneriff & also for 500 Quintals of Codfish
for the Spanish Market — For the
Fish I should recommend ordering them
from Boston as our south Shore vessel
seldom separate their fish and but a
smale proportion of them answer for the
Spanish Market — They are in the
habit of selling them all together, Tolc
quale as the fishermen term it — but
perhaps I may be able to give thee better

information next me it is only the early & late Jars that do well for Europe the first are doubtless gone & the last not yet catched — Geo Howland has a Brig George of 180 Tons expected at New York abt next month fm Ireland should the Fever continue I think he will be glad to order her to Phila — Thos Nye & Step Hathaway Jr have a Brig now adding a second Deck to her here, will make a good Vessell of about 180 Tons & will probably be ready in abt the 9 mo either of those Vessels — I think will answer your purpose & it is probable by corresponding with them & offering your terms they might contract — the Pilotage & Wharfage seems a great objection to our Vessels going to Philad unless previously engaged — I would offer to negociate this business myself with pleasure — but being on a Comee of our Yearly Meeting to visit the two Eastern Quarters brn Rodman & self are in expectation of going down next week to Vassalborough on the Kennebeck River 265 miles to attend the quarterly Mees there the 1st of next Month & may not be back if well before the 15th

Je ours &c

Louis De Banque 12th Nov. 19th 1803

A few days since I rec'd thy esteemed favour of 25th May and duly note the Contents. My last of 3 Nov 10th I think must have reached thee soon after thou wrote which letter requested the payment of 3756.4 the balance of my a/c to my Uncle S Rotch, I am obliged by thy having done it by his request I have now placed it to thy Credit, which balances our a/c

I sincerely regret the unhappy commencement of Hostilities between France & England and particularly the conveyance of intercepting your Fishery — I duly received thy Power of Attorney & thou may rely upon my readiness on all occasions to serve thy interest in case any of the Ships should return here — I hope thou will give me more particular instructions respecting the Ships & Cargoes — together with any demand the Owners may have against the Crews — As Ships of those descriptions if they can be reinstated upon American Bottoms will command good sales, I think it will be advisable to sell them in this case the registers or Copies should be here on their arrivals, the one thou informed me

should be sent I have not yet received
I s the Ships were not generally successful
on the Brazil Coast last season I
apprehend the Cyrus & Gange has gone
to Wolwich Bay, where they will doubtless
bee of the war — Should I gain any
intelligence of any of them shall communicate
it

I am &c

Smith Ridgway & Co

Jnd. 19. 1803 —

on the 13th Inst. I drew upon
you in favour of Elijah Wareing for
$ 200 & placed the same to your Credit
I shall now be obliged by your paying the
balance $ 425 66/100 of the sales of German Goods
to Saml & Miss Fisher provided the
same has been duly collected

I am &c

Jnd 19 1803

Arnold Welles

I am obliged by thy favour
of the 16 and thou may rely upon every thing being done
in my power to promote the safety of the Ship & Cargo
My Promis Note for Insurance on the Elizabeth
being nearly due I indose my Check for $ 801 —
Amount thereof please to cancel the Note & retain it
as I expect next week to pass thro Boston on a journey
to the Eastward — I can then take it —

I am &c

8 mo 22 1803

Thomas Dickason & Co

I have now the pleasure of handing you Invoice & Bill Lading of the Cargo of Oil p^r the Hannah & Eliza Capt Micajah Gardner who is now ready to sail for Milford & hope from the unhappy event of the renewal of hostilities the price with you will insure some profit & that it will be in reason for the Best Sale at Bristol or such other port as you may think best for my Interest

I am pleased in being able so early to make you this remittance that you may be reasonably reimbursed for your advances for the Peterburg cargo but I am yet without any advice from the Elizabeth Delano nor her leaving Havre but hope daily to hear of her passing the sound & I calculate she must be ready to sail from Cronstadt the first of this month, of course she may be looked for in all the succeding month Gratefully acknowledging your repeated Proofs of kindness & in expectation of writing you again shortly — I am &c

8 mo 22 1803

Abiel Wood Jr.

My obliging letter of 8 Ult^o

I duly recivd & regret there is no suitable Vessell in your Port for the purpose I wished I see no prospect of any one yet from here — should any one arrive of Profitable form for carrying Lumber that can be chartered for £70 ₩ p^r Registered Ton please inform me I am &c —

8 mo 22 1803

Benjamin Rotch

Thy Letter of 5 mo 30 I did not receive until the 28 of last mo (90 days) when I wrote immediately to A Wood Jr Nescaput to know the probability of a Ship being procured & a Cargo loaded for thy Acct. Copy of his answer I enclose thee and I find from other persons there is no probability of Chartering a Ship at 70/ P Ton thy utmost limits. I apprehend on the terms Wood mentions of 28/ P Ton P Mark including the Port Charges it will come to 25 P Ct more unless thou could procure a freight back. to bear the expence of balast to go to Liverpool for salt Would not pay its way as our Ships that load there calculate very little more than saving that expence of balasting. Thus I see no prospect of serving thee in the Article of Lumber. My letter from Boston of 22d Ult will give thee the State of our Oil Market & inform that I had not been able to purchase a Ship for Ray. I find he yet inclines to go. but how he will be affected by going back to Europe if I procure a Cargo of Oil I know not. This must remain uncertain as we have none at Market & the late arrivals by Gardner of the Little Oil amongst the Island Fleet will much enhance its Value. B. Aldman looks for the price to be so high in England that he can make more by shipping his to London than by selling it for thee in case I should see a prospect of part of a Cargo will thou authorize my taking his for thee at a price it may net reserving the duty to thyself & charging the frt he would have to pay to London. I cannot however see a prospect of more Oil coming in than will find a Market in this country

but I may be deceived — My Letter of 4mo 9 will inform thee my reasons for not making the insurance thou desired upon the Sisters as at that time her catchings would not amount to more perhaps than her outfit — In one or two instances I have since made a condition in the Policy that 1/5 only of the Oil shall constitute a substitute for the Outfit & intend to pursue that rule invariably in my own Ships I intend now since we have accounts of the Sisters having obtained more ~~oil~~ than thou had at that time accounts of to have $ 24.000 insured from the Coast to Milford — The H & E. Capt Gardner now goes for Milford with a Cargo of Oil which I ship to our Mutual friends D & C as it's probable it may find a market at Bristol, should they order the Ship there I wish thee to forward her Departure as speedily as possible — I inclose thee a Letter from Jn Norbett with some relief to his Mother & a nephew sent out to him — he is employed by Obid Mitchell who is responsible to me please to attend to his request and inform me of the Money ~~thou ordered me to do~~ paid charging it to my account — Out of the Moneys thou ordered me to draw & pay Weir & Robinson Lewis I deducted the sums I had previously advanced & C. thy account therefor — I have never been able to find John Wyamps Wife until Yesterday she called upon me & I have paid her £42 ~~£42~~ ordered by Coleman She is a respectable ~~Black~~ Woman her youngest

Child 3 years old is very weakly that it is a reasonable supply & if he has any more money comes into thy hands do save some more for her

8mo 25 1803

Samuel Emmon

I duly rec'd thy Letter 7 May 27 & note thy having rec'd $90 for Births rec'd for acct of Wm Shotwell — On 6mo 1 I drew an Order upon thee for $50 in favr of Reuben Jenne I hope thou has before this received a further sum I want to pay David Bennett Cooper of your town $93 — whatever Money thou may have received more than the $50 I have drawn and thy Comms & Expenses I shall be much oblig'd by thy paying any part of the $93 thou has left to the said Bennett — Please to tell him that his Land-lady in removing yesterday found his Pocket book & I suppose he rec'd it there Saturday under an old Chair in the chamber where he lodged it had $95 paper & 48 Silver in it — I gave $1 to her son who found it & $6 to Silas Kempton Slater of whom I believe Bennet was wrong in taking that sum — when thou sends me Bennets rect I shall take care to send him the balance & hope he will be satisfied in my paying Kempton as I believe him as clear of taking any of his Money as I am myself — I shall keep his pocket book until I can send it by a private hand — I am &

Dec 26 1803

Bigelow & Grout

Grats reference to my Letter of 18th ult. Mail I have now to inform you that Capt Anthony Hopping here on his way to Baltimore we have just 17 Casks Strained Sperm Oil on board to your address appertaining as this time it must be done as your Master which I hope you will be able to sell before the Cold weather we have at present no Whale Oil but what come from — Canada

Joseph Safford Dec 27 1803

I am obliged by thine of 26th & approve the Premium of 6 ℔ Cent upon the Hannah & Eliza Micajah Gardner Master from this Port to Milford Haven and with the to have twenty four thousand Dollars Insurance made upon the Cargo for my brother Benj. Rotch, by safe hands & thou may put me down ℔ 1000 — The Ship has an American Register in the name of B. R of Nantucket but as he resides at present in England it must be made without any warranty

on this time made I have always done insurance upon his Ships — the Ships is regularly cleared from this Port & every care taken to make it appear as a Shipment from here in my name — If thou can do more in safety upon that Ship I want a Second Policy in my name for acct. of Micajah Gardner $2000 Frederick Coffin $1000 & William House $700 there are the Capts & two Mates an acct of their Shares of the Cargo

If I can find a safe person going down in the next Stage, I shall send thee $1000 for which if received thou will please to deposit the sum & pursue to my Credit in the U.S.B.

Yours &c

Jacob Barker June 24th 1813

I have this evening recd thine of 24 & am pleased to find thou has been able to make the remittance to Philadelphia hope it will reach in safety & hope it has been done without inconvenience to thee. The Cashier of 22d. wrote he had recd thy dft for $2000

did not say but I presume it had been honoured, as he said it would at maturity be pleased to my Br or indicated that I replied by last mail that thou had informed me of a different sum & I presume he made the error in which probably I shall be informed of by next mail ——

I am &c

8 mo 30 1803

Ozias Wilkinson

I duly received thine of the 4 mo 7 in answer to mine of 5 of that month & provided another way for the payment of my Note at Providence When thou wrote me 11 mo 12 thy offer for the Iron at 4 mos & mentioned perhaps a part of it would be paid at the time & the remainder on Interest until convenient for thee to pay it — I did not contemplate that convenience might not arrive short of several years but look'd only at a few mos. over the time — it is now going on upon the 6th month since the 6 mos expired & as many things thus uncertain embarrass my Calculations I want much to know a period fixed that I may know a time that I can expect the money & I shall be obliged by thy fixing a time that I may draw upon thee or send me thy note for $1035-$\frac{38}{100}$ with Interest from 8 mo 27 payable at the time thou shall fix

Jas Wilkinson

Arnold Wells 8 Mo 30. 1803

I am now oblig'd by thy favour of yesterday and altho' I hope the company had fared so well by the other Ships, they would have fixed a less premium yet have acceded to their proposal of 20 ℔ Cent upon the Grand Sachem Coffin Skipper now at & from Milford to & at the Southern whale Fishery generally in the Pacific Ocean & elsewhere & back to Milford Haven against all risks please to have done in my brothers name, as much as the Company will take if not the whole in equal proportion of Ship & outfit annexing the Condition now added to the Policy upon the Diana ⅓ of her Catchings to be considered as substitute for the outfit. He fixes her valuation at eight thousand pounds Sterling including Outfit, but not designating that I fix it at ⅔ this does not include the premium the premium is also to be covered if the company are not willing to take the whole including the premium wherein I am informed what sum

they wille take, I will have the other done elsewere — If respect shewn the American flag by the Belligerent powers has inspired the Company with sufficient confidence to lower the Premium to 3 ℔Ct from Russia I shall want further sum done upon the Elizabeth who I expect sailed the Middle of last month would the Company take more on that Ships? I am &c

9 mo 2nd 1803

Jacob Barker

Thy letter of 19th & the Reliance did not reach me until the 30th & same day one of 21st the last informing of thy sending S & M Fisher $2500 on my acount — I have a letter from them of 26 conforming the same I have placed that Sum with $500 deposited by Wm to thy Cr this last thought I had informed thee of — I am sorry for the delay in payment for the Hemp but hope the Debt is secure — I suppose (if my Books are correct) thou hast yet to my Cr upwards of $2000 besides what is due from Ivers & Crowding thee the acceptance on Bradbury's — I hope not to have occasion to draw that untill business may so revive as to make it easy for thee to repay it — I am owing more than that Sum to Brother Thomas and have appropriated that for him — I do not know when he will call — Pleas inform me the price thou has sold the English Duck at that I may Cr thy acct the three pieces sent me — the 60 pr Duck Ships. & the Sally to thee are 250 pr on Acct acct 200 on acct Benj & 150 on my acct I hope thou will be able speedily to sell them altho they cost in Russia so high that the price cannot be much raised without Loss — my Brother has

not mentioned the appropriation of the pds of the English Bank but as he is paying me Interest no doubt he will be glad to know the p's are to his Cr with me — my last from abn is 7 mo 2 does not fix the time of embarkation — he had advice of the Elizabeth Cargo being sold to a very handsome profit — Capn Delano wrote me 6 mo 12 when he hoped to be here by the middle of this Month — Hemp was very high what will it probably be worth with you?

Yours &c

Josiah Bradlee 9 mo 27. 1803

I duly rec'd thy letter covering Sales of 86 boxes Candles, with which I am much pleased — The price asked by Piper for the Columbine I think too high. Should he lower his terms to a price that would answer for me I should like to see her — I want a good Ship from 250 to 300 Tons, and shall be pleased to hear of one on good terms when one offers — or a very fast sailing Ship of about 220 Tons & perhaps one of both sizes —

If agreeable to thee to confide in me in the voice of directors to our Bank which takes place by Charter next second day, please to send me a letter authorizing me to vote in thy behalf — I suspect a change is

contemplated by some which I do not think will be to the interest of the Bank —

Jain &c

Ogier & Marcelle 10 mo 1st 1803

Your obliging favour of 12 Ult

I have rec'd & ask your excuse for not acknowledging the payment of the two draft for the balance of your A/c. It was by my request to J. Rotch that the payment was made for the draft in his favour — which was desired on my knowing Capt. Delano did not pay you. I have also rec'd your letter of conf. Sales of the Candles left in your hands. I shall probably want some Cotton purchased this season & shall apply the proceeds thereto — I shall be glad to be informed at what time the purchase of Cotton (upland) can best be made that if I determine upon the purchase I may have my funds in season, which I calculate to remit as last year — I think it will be best to freight the Cotton here rather than send the ship to Charlestn the Elizabeth has this day arrived for

Petersburg & Cap Delano is very well — your keeping me advised of the state of your Market will oblige — &c

John Maylin 10 Bbls. 1. Doz

During my absence to the Eastward thy letter of 6 Oct was received, I duly note thy observation upon the Oil business & much regret no remedy can be applied — I believe the Oil sent thee would answer very well for public lamps at this season but being a little brown, I dare not wish thee to recommend it for family use but hope it has found a Market — I sincerely lament that the Malignant fever has again disturbed your City but hope it will be of short duration — I have a Ship arrived this day with 127 Tons Hemp 160 Tons of Iron & 300 ps Sail Cloth Should your market afford a Sale for Hemp at 280 Dollars. think it will do to send it — but the imports of Sail Cloth of the best kind at the Cost of mine will do badly at £20 — any information thou can give me upon

the prospect for those articles
will oblige thy — — Sam & C.

Benjamin Rotch 10 mo 2. 1803

I have the pleasure of informing
thee the Ann Gunnis arrived here this
morning without Oil. I shall do every
thing to expedite her, as the season
requires her being on her voyage, I am glad
thou last thought of this expedient to
secure me for any advantage as in
case of invasion, I have feared for the safety
of thy funds. I shall have the Ann
appraized by my father & brother Rodman
& take her to my account towards my
debt, & hope she will prove as successful
in my hands as in thine —
Our A B arrived after a fine passage of
33 days & is now with us the Elizabeth
arrived yesterday — I had made no insurance
upon the Ann — I am & C

Josiah Bradlee 10 mo 5. 1803

I have desired to send
Boston with some Oil to make
a conveyance for a few articles
for a Ship to be ready for sea

in ale mitt month week last being disappointed of it shall send Oil perhaps by a new Sloop now up the articles at foot I wish thee to send me by the first vessels — Our Ship is in from Russia. please inform me how the State of the Market is for Hemp Duck & Iron & Sheetings

3 barrels white beans 3 ditto Peas
& Do NE. Rum 10 or 40 G Wt 1 Hhm
2 Casks rice 1 Cask Raisin

Josph. Foster 10 mo. 19. 1803

I think thou informed when I last was in Boston, thou had funds sufficient on hand to make another dividend of 10 P Cent from the Estate of Wm & Geo. Dean if I understood thee right I will thank thee to deposit to my credit in the branch Bank the amo of dividends for Hutchison Hughes & Duncan & all those at the westward that I have heretofore remitted together with the balance due me

between the Inventory of the Shop &
the 20 P Cent of R. H & D the sum for the
Shop I think a little more than
$ 613 but the exact sum I do not find
which please to notice in my next
letter that I may put it on Book.
R. H. & D is $ 372.22 & Thompson &
others $ 536 - Those I am prepared to
remit immediately. I am &c

Rathbone Hughes & Duncan - 10 Nov. 18. 1803

I duly rec'd your letter dated 5th
Augt inclosing the demand upon H. Jones
for £ 2.10.6 - which he has paid me &
From some recent collections, the
Assignees to the estate of W & G. Dean
expecting in a few days to divide 10 P Cent
I have concluded to anticipate it by
a remittance to you herewith - Wilson
Barstow of Rochester, having rec'd advice
from Capt of Schooner Julian
that he should remit to you from Amster-
= dam £ 100 - he has this day given me
a bill upon you for that sum, which
if in Cash you will please to consider
for the payment of those two sums

say £86. 5. 5 & the balance say £13. 14. 7 you will please to pay 6 p.c. at the Exchange is above Par Barstow sold me this at par condition'd if the money should not be in your hands no damages should be demanded

Being in want of a few articles of Queens Ware a creamcolord if the execution of so small an order will not be attended with too much trouble I shall be obliged by your sending me a Crate of best plain ware as per order, without edging or Colour'd by any Ship bound directly here or to New York to our mutual friend Isaac Hicks —

I am very respectfully &c —

Thomas Gould

10 Mo 21. 1803

Thy favour of the 6 Inst I duly received & have Shipped a Cask of the best oil we have, but have none on hand of winter press'd which is preferred in Cold weather. As the price of oil is greatly advanced with us, I should not have sent it, but on account of the lateness of the season — until I had informed

thee & had thy answer. However
as Thomas Russell has taken his supply
of us at this time at the same price
(Cash down) I concluded thou would
prefer our sending it - it is the same
kind we sold T. R - Our Vessels have
not had the expected success & Oil is
likely to continue high through this
season - Winter prospect I do not expect
will be under 125 Cents - The money
may be sent by J. Akins as thou proposes
both for the present & former Oil -
I want Akins to bring me 20 Bush. beans
& 20 bu. Peas if thou canst aid him in
procuring it please to do it & I shall
feel much Obliged - I am &c -

New Bedford 29. 1803

David Sears

Thy letter of 27th is
just handed me of the 26th Capt. Paul
Cuffe at Westport called upon me & shewed
thy letter to his Capt. Wayne of Brig
Hero, I immediately went to the Collectors
& gave bonds for the duty on the bone
which I suppose was put on board a
Vessel yesterday & I expected her
here this day - I shall forward the
Certificates to entitle to debenture in
case of Exportation - As this letter

allowed of the wine being sold I wish to
retain a 2 Cask for my own use &
Capt Caffe supposed a part would be
sold in his neighbourhood — I have
~~shall not time~~ this evening to see what
Exchange can be had in our family if
I find any sum worth my attention will
inform the next week — I am &c
Bigelow & Broad N B. 10 mo 28. 1803

I am much Obliged by
your two favours 8th & 16th Inst and notice
their Contents Our Russia Cargo is now
in Store, waiting the alteration we
expect in prices after the Ruedy importers
have run off their goods the great advance
on goods in Russia and the unfavorable
course of Exchange, has made them turn
out so high, that at the present prices,
we see very little gainers — I am pleased
to find you have done so well with the
Strained Oil, it is now very Scarce in
New England, and the price much
advanced, we have sold it on the spot
at $ 110 — Apprehending the Nantucket
Vessels have carried very little, we have
thought best to send you by the Brig
Joseph Capt Haviland as per annexed
Invoice 20 Casks more, which hope
will find a ready sale — I am &c

Rowland Hazard 10 Mo 31. 1803

Thy two Letters of 25th & 28th
have recd. this Morning & I avail my Self on
Wm Burroughs for $200 — having none in
Bank. The Elizabeth Voyage will probably
be to Charleston or Savannah and I hope
to get her away in all the 12th Mo. by
that time think we shall be able to furnish
the Candles we have not begun to press &
our old Stock are all sold — I have just
recd. an application from one Dunn. who
was a cooper or Sailor in the Dauphins
Capt. Tallmirent, but went on board
another Ship after the Voyage was obtained
Can now give me information if his Share
was reserved in H & R's hands or remitted
to the owners as I know nothing of it —

I am &c

N B. 10 Mo 31. 1803 Please to pay Rowland
Hazard or Order Two hundred Dollars
& please to Acct. of thy friend — —

Samuel & Miss Fisher 11 Mo 31. 1803

I recd. Wm S. B. F's letter
of 4th Inst & notice the Contents — I have
seen no opportunity of procuring any Cod
fish fit for the Spanish Market nor is
there any probability of any comming here —
that I still believe Boston to be the best place
to procure them — I am glad to find you are
not in danger of loss from the great failure

of G. B & Co. London it must be heavy indeed to some of your Citizens. We have now a cool North wind which I hope will extend to your borders & by changing the atmosphere restore health to those places which in the course of divine permission have been so affected this season. Capt. Timothy Dagget who has lately sailed from Philadelphia being in want of $2000 he left in the U.S. Bank I have given that sum to him & taken his Check which after making payable to you, I now inclose & request you will please it to my Cr.

Rowland Hazard some time since gave me a Conveyance of sundry Claims of Hazard & Robinson upon the British Government among which is 1/8 of Brig Eliza Rhyder represented in the Claim of Jones & Clarke late of Charlestown now of Philadelphia part of which was insured & paid for by the Underwriters at my instance he has written J & C to get a Statement of the business in such form as to be able to prove his or H & R's right to their Quarter but get no answer, will you oblige us both so far as to procure a Statement of the whole Claim the sum due to the Underwriters and an Order from Jones & Clark for the part due to Hazard & Robinson. that I may establish my right in London. Capt. Norton goes

for Boston in a few days there to load for Philadelphia that it will be long before we have a conveyance direct to your City — I am &c —

Jacob Barker 10 Mo. 5. 1803

I now inclose thee the Invoice of the 10 Casks Strained Oil I omitted to hand thee when thou left us — I want to pay Thompson $ 530 for Acct. of the Assignees of the Estate of Wm & Geo. Dean for him to distribute as he has heretofore done very kindly for us but I remit drawing until I know that the situation of business will not incommode thee if perfectly convenient I wish thee to pay it to him & request him to dispose of it as heretofore, if a future period will be more convenient name the time & I will draw upon thee or remit him some other way — I am &c —

Josiah Bradley 11 Mo 5th

I have been obliged by several of thy letters to which I have not replied accept my thanks for thy information the sales of the Oil could not fail of pleasing altho I feel a caution least the one be discouraged by the advance in price — We have put on Bd the Eliza Norton this day 35 Casks 2041½ Gls more which hope will meet a sale to average 115 Cts I have that day rec'd the articles sent by the Cornelia which are duly placed to thy Credit — as it is also $ 700 deposited at Bank — As 80 P Ct of the 2nd Instalment on the Bank is called for in next week 25 Dollars on a share I am quite destitute of Specie and being unwilling to draw out of the Bank I take the liberty to inclose thee my Check for $ 1025 which

request thou will produce in gold and send me in course of the next week by some of our acquaintance as the remaining 25 dolls of thine is ordered 20 days after thou may if convenient send me in specie $250. for thy last Instalment any time before the last of the mo. — The Interest of the Bank will be promoted by this antisipation but the Stockholders are not required by Law to pay it in untill the time is

Je suis &c
W Rotch

Howld Welles

11 mo 4 1803

Being particularly last evening I could not inclose thee my note for the premium on the Ann & Warcham which thou had reason to expect by this days mail — I have signed and now inclose them — The terms thou offered to my friend Barker for the premium upon the Barclay I accept say 7½ p Ct. at & from Cape de Verd Island to the south sea East of the Cape of Good Hope & Delago Bay on a Whale Voyage generally untill her return to this port and request thou will have ten thousand Dolls Insurance made upon the Ship Barclay Gideon Randall m. Ship Valued at $16,000 Premium included for the owners of said ship — my Brother Thos Rotch owning ¼ I expect a part to be on his account

Je suis &c

To Jacob Barker — 11 mo 5 1803

I want 20 or 30 lbs Tar if none is sent by the Lydia please to make it up that Quantity by the Same — —

Shubael Russell being bound out in our Ship Ann his wife & Mortis Daughter will be in want of Assistance in his Absence — will thou supply her if she requires it to the Amount of One hund. Dollars p year from this time & charge to my Acct — —

I am &c —

Jacob Barker

11 mo 9, 1803

Jam sorry that we have not mentioned where the Jane was built I conceive a Ship of her size, but a very good Ship, and fit for Coppering. If she is such an one, I conceive that we will not purchase, unless she is cheap & then I shall like them to consider her for my account — Jam &c

P.S. I R says the Jupiter is too large for them —

11 mo 9, 1803

Thomas Dickason & Co

Original via Boston
Duplicate via New York

Your esteemed favors of 30 July 2d Augt & 8 Sept. came to hand in due course & I am much obliged by your several informations & for honoring all the bills I have drawn upon you to this time & also for your aid for the Elizabeths cargo — I have duly Cr your acct £ 84.18.6 drawn by Capt Delano from Elsinore & Thompson Bonar & Co's bill for £ 370.14.10 — And I have debited You £ 307.10.6 rec'd for acct of R Hazard from the awards upon the America & Harmony — It is unfortunate for my fr'd Hazard that he had not given earlier advices of his claim upon the award upon the Eliza Ruder, from your statement nothing can be done on your side & I doubt his obtaining any thing from J & C Homberg & Co have advised me on the 10th Sept. they remitted you £ 1702.16.3 which I hope has been honored & promise very soon to remit the balance which they state may not exceed £ 800 more — I hope that is also done —

The Elizabeth arrived in safety but from the enormous high Exchange & price of Baltic Goods we make but a small profit — yet taking in view the profit upon the Cargo out we feel ourselves well paid — I hope long before this the H & C has arrived at Milford the very unexpectedly stopped here in 8 mo last & sailed towards the last of that month — The Ann sailed this day for the Pacific Ocean — I this day observe the

Wareham was at Cape de Verd Islands & I daily look for her here I have had her Insured with liberty to Cruize for Whales 2 months at 5 p% C. the Grand Sachem arrives at those Islands in 22 days. The Ship Diana Waterman owned by Mr Mazard & Co arrived last mo from East of Cape of Good Hope 18 mos out with abt 100 Tuns & 65 Tons Whale Oil this Sperm Oil is about the whole there is in America & would sell Oil £70 Head matter £100 & Whale Oil £33 Imo on the spot. the consumption is now so large in this Country that I think we shall have none for Exportation this year. My friend A Barker had a fine passage is very well in health & desires to be respectfully mentioned to you is very grateful for the Kind attention & civilities you have shown him & the same I also feel.

I wrote Lewis de Baugue 4 mo 15 that I should that day draw upon you £411.9.1 Stg to balance my Acct for the Columbus & at that time placed the same to your Acct by a letter I rec'd last week from him mentions the bill had not reached you. I found there some unaccountable neglect I had neglected to forward the bills I now inclose the first in my own favor & request you will place it to my Cr & place it the Charge of L D & B & BR as heretofore for that Ship. I hear nothg late of any of those Ships. I am so

P.S. I inclose Capt Ilguin's bill on my brother for £353.17. which please to place to my Credit

David Sears

11 Mo 8. 1803

The Sloop Westport Capt Coy has stopped here this day with the Wind and will Sail for Boston the first fair wind. The Owners having taken out one Quarter Cask they will Account for it with Mee I have taken out two more both 30 Gals. for which I will credit Mee my Check say 60 Gals @ $1.25 $75 when I have

settled with the Collector the Costs of Entry Bond &c - the Officers Acct. is 2609 Gls discount 2 ½ Cent leaves 2557 Gls duty 30 Cts $76.710 - for this sum I have given my Bond at 12 Mo from the 19 of 9 Mo Sept. For this sum thou will please to send me thy Note and when due thou may place it to thy Credit of Edwd Pope Esqr at US Bank and I will return the Note - I am &c

11 mo 10. 1803

Josiah Bradlee

I am oblig'd by thy favours of yesterday Hope thou will realize thy expectations in the Sale of the Ale & Porter. I fear the cold weather will interrupt our straining, which we cannot do except in mild weather

I have rec'd the Gold say $1025.87 by Wm May also 50 half Eagles for thy last instalment which I will attend to the payment & procure the evidence & send them but not before next week, as the payment will not be made until the Bank House is ready which will not be until next second day

I will thank thee to give A Wells the inclosed note in behalf of my young friend Jer. Wentlaw I thank thee for thy care of the Essence of Spruce, the amo. $3.5½ I will place to thy Credit - I shall be oblig'd by thy sending me 2 boxes Raisins & 1 Jar Grapes - If Newton or any other vessel can bring me some more Ale to Lane them - Church charg'd me 2/ for -

Jam Lee

Robert Lee Esq^r. 11 Mo. 9. 1803.

I now inclose thee a Policy of Insurance subscribed for Acct of Freeman & Sons, who I mentioned to thee have a claim upon the Estate of Richard Coleman a Bankrupt. I wish thy attention thereto & if there is any probability of their Claim being substantiated, & any dividend arising therefrom, pursue such measures in investing the property as thy judgment may suggest — Sands

11 mo 15. 1803

David Sears

No apology is necessary for the little trouble I have had with the wine, & very probably occasion may occur for thee amply to repay me in the same way — Inc^d thy endorsed Note for the amo^t of the Duties, wh^ch shall endeavour to send near the time falling due to the Cashier — Col Pope & myself had each of us a Cask of wine —

30 Gal^s each at 60 Gal^s is at $1.25 — $75 —

Entry, Bond & Permit at 1/2 cent — 60

for that pd thee last my $74.40

Check herewith —

I thank thee for thy instructions relative to the preservation of wine wh^ch I mean to practice upon, except that of keeping it 2 years in Bottles, which I very much doubt — Sands

Josiah Bradlee

Nov 19 1803

I am much obliged by thy several favours and have Credited thee $400 paid to my credit at bank — I now add my power to receive my dividend of the Assignees of N. Jarvis Estate I hope enough may be receiv'd to pay the trouble I have given thee in that business I will thank thee to say what is the probable amount of the whole dividend upon his Estate I was very glad to hear Capt. Norton had arrived & hope thy next will give us a good account of thy progress in the sale of the Oil sent by him — I am half interested in the whale Oil & salt petre — The Bank have not issued their evidences

Je suis &c.

Ogier & Maxwell

Nov 21. 1803

Your esteemed favour of 21st Ult came to hand last week and I am much obliged by your attention in giving me the information I desired. The present state of European Markets has been discouraging to any Shipments to that country yet considering the season arrived, in which provision ought to be made for a Cargo for the Elizabeth, I have made up my mind to send her upon the same plan as last year — I shall therefore request my friends Daniel & Miers Fisher to send you in Philadelphia 4 Thousand Dollars, as

soon as they receive my letter of this date, & I expect to enable them to proceed forward $ 5000 more in a short time after. and it is probable I shall through that Channel make up to your $ 15,000 & upon $ 10,000 you may immediately calculate upon — Upon receipt of part or all those funds I request you will purchase Sea Island Cotton when you can find that of a good quality & when the price meets your judgement, but indulge an expectation that you will be able to do it at or under 15 Cts — Altho' the price of Sea Island is much reduced yet now of the Markets on the Continent will warrant the Shipment of that kind even at 20 Cts. I am in expectation of the arrival of some of our Whaling Ships, to balast the Elizabeth in part with Oil, that it is yet uncertain when I shall dispatch her, I therefore request your particular care in contracting for the Storage of the Cotton upon the best terms you can, or as if it was your own — having found that article charged much higher in Charleston than any other part of the world I have been acquainted with — please an

receipt of this to inform me if Russia Duck, Bar Iron or any article of your produce will find a ready sale with you — I am &c —

Saml & Miers Fisher Philad 21. 1803

Your favour of the 9th Inst came duly to hand & I am glad to find the $2,000 was to my Credit — you have rightly conjectured relative to my object in placing funds in Philadelphia, I expect to send the Eliz. to Charleston to load this winter & finding the best season in nearly come for purchasing Cotton I have by the present post wrote to Ogier & Maxwell Charleston to begin the purchases & on receipt of this, I shall be obliged by your forwarding to them a Check on the Bank for five thousand Dollars, & I expect within ten days after I shall enable you to send them an five thousand Dollars more, if not that sum, I wish by that time you will remit them further about the residue you have to my Credit — I shall request J. Maylin to pay you upwards of $2,000 & perhaps Isaac Hicks to remit you $1000 I am also in expectation of a further remittance from Bigalow & Stroud. I shall endeavour to make up in the whole $15,000

through that Channel — I feel obliged by your willingness to aid my plans in this way & hope you will compare your books to mine when you were Credit last Spring 2½ ₰ Cent upon the 815,000 then remitted & will be also Cr on the same for what you may in the present instance

I am sorry you have proved so unsuccessfull in your first Russia adventure it is a very fluctuating business. And I came very near being discouriged in my first attempt, but on the whole I have no cause to complain — my friends Tho.s Boreel & Co have my fullest confidence & I leave to their judgement to purchase in winter or not, & they have never been misled when they have done it. & that I think the best Mode. Our purchas of Duck last winter were at 2/ Rs Exch.e 30/8 when the Ship was there, the same Duck cost us 2/ for Rs at 3/½ which made a great difference in the Cost — The half Duck does not prove good to ware, & I have never tried it but once — I am &c —

John Maybin

Wilm.n 26.th 1803.

I am much obliged by the contents of thy two favours of 8.th & 25.th Ulto & the sails of the oil contained in the last was satisfactory. I hope the Oil has answered the purpose of the purchasers

at this it was brown — Sperm Oil is very
scarce, & except a Cargo we have had since
I wrote thee none now remains in New England
of any Consequence — we have found a Market
for all we could strain before the Cold weather
in New York Baltimore & Boston for 118 Cts
to 126 — we must now depend upon pressing
from Head Matter, which we expect to
begin upon in season to send thee some by
Norton but, he writes me its uncertain if
he stops here & has a full Cargo from
Boston — at his return please send me
6 Barrels best flour & 2 bbl new Crackers
my ship Elizabeth being soon bound
on to Charleston to load for Europe
I have some Money in the hands of my
friends Saml & Miss Fisher who have
my request to forward to Charlestown
Checks on the Us Bank — I hope payment
for the Hemp has been duly made &
the last payment being now near at
hand I wish the Amount thereof & what
balance may be in thy hands for sails
if the Oil or nearly the whole paid over
to them, reserving the payment for the flour
& Crackers — If Norton stops shall endeavour
to send in a little oil which I think must
be very scarce with you this winter —

I am &c —

Bigelow & Proud Mar 26. 1803

I am much obliged by your favour of the 12th & am glad to find you have met so good a sale for the Oil. that article is very scarce in New England & ale we have been able to get to market from a Cargo we had arived last month, has been well sold from 118 to 125 Cents. I am obliged by your offer of calculating upon the sales of the two parcels of Oil particularly as I am at this time providing funds in Philadelphia to have remitted to Charleston to load a Ship for Europe. what sum you are in Cash for Any account I will thank you to remit as soon as convenient you can to Saml & Miers Fisher Philadelphia informing me thereof. If any conveyance offers after we begin pressing shall send you some fresh head matter — I am &c —

Isaac Hicks Mar 28. 1803

I duly recd thy letter of 31st ult advising of thy having paid W Brew £30 that sum has been repaid by the Lads Uncle uncle & plased to thy Credit, & his Uncle Wm Charley gratefully acknowledges thy attention to his Nephew, thy letter gave him the first information of his arrival, but the same evening he reached town viz Bristol —

I am providing funds in Philadelphia to remit my last Bank to Charleston for a Cargo for the Elizabeth, and shall be obliged by thy remitting to A & Myers Fisher $1000 or $1200 if thou has so much to my Credit I have a considerable quantity of Sail Cloth on hand, but as thou last lately had a Cargo from Russia conclude it may not be all sold — when it is shall be glad to know how thou can sell best Russia Duck — I am &c —

Jacob Barker. — New Bedford 11 Mo 28. 1803

I am oblig'd by thy several favours 2d. 17 & 19th Inst. Contents of which are duly noticed the sum deposited by Ashton & which I have Credited thee is $206 42/100 thou last also 6th for 20 bls Tar & the Lydia and $536. for Lawson & I have charged thee And sold of English Duck $ 1320 4/100 —

I am daily looking for the Wareham she was at Cape de Verd Islands last 9th Mo waiting for salt hope to get it by the middle of last Mo. I hope she will be in timely for the New York Market we rely on thy judgement in the sale of the remaining Duck hope it will do better than $20 yet our want of Money may induce us to wish it sold for that — but if so will advise thee — The Cold weather having prevented our Straining our Oil can do nothing with it until Spring, we

must depend upon Oil for my from
head matter for the winter market — the
price thou last obtained for the last is quite
enough — I was very glad thou did not buy
the Farm & Abm wrote the last week respecting the
Cotton Planter when thou was here If I recollect right
thou thought she was fitted for Coppering if she is & has
Composition Joints I shall be glad of her, Altho'
her want of Deck & scantiness of her inventory as
it respects Cables & Sails appear against her — thou
did not say if she has Beams sufficient for the
Deck or if her Hatches will require alteration
for a whale Man — The fact is I want a
Ship for a Captain to fit out this winter
Coppered to the Pacific Ocean she will sail
mine but may not return so, if peace takes
place in her absence, & I wish if practicable
to get one Coppered or fitted therefor & have it
done this — New York or here, I had rather
not have the business deferred for a Voyage to
be made to Europe — Brother Ed offered $15,000
for Walker & the Purses have left me I could
not sell without their instructions & they have
fixed $17,000 - positive — I must depend
upon my funds in New York to procure a Cargo
for the Elizabeth, & if I finally have the
Cotton Planter, I shall depend on selling
Exchange when the Notes fall due to pay for
her, unless Abm & myself should conclude
to take her for a Nother Plan, which
he has probably written thee & no doubt

inform'd thee how was at Liberty to
sell her for thy own Account if thou met an
advantageous offer — what could the Cotton
planter be ask'd for Coppering & Sheathed for
exclusive of the Metal — If thou has not sold
her when thou receives this please inform me
& also respecting her Lower Beams & Hatchways
I am oblig'd by thy paying the $100 — have no
doubt it was properly applied under the care of
those kind hearted friends it is to thy
D. Stevens has not shew thy demand & some
of the others expect to do it shortly, altho' they
seem much hurt at the Curiosity & ask an
explanation whether due diligence was used
from the time the Note fell due in 12 Mo to the
7th Mo when thou sent to Hartford — I have
desired Capt Bates to write thee on the subject
he does not refuse to pay & expects some more
shortly to do it —— The Inventory is returned

I am &c —

11 mo 30. 1803

Thomas Gould

Thy favour I received for Capt Atkins who
has account with me for Ten Hundred fifty five Dolls
40/100 the balance of thy Acct. I know not how to account
for any defect in the 1000 Gls Oil as we meant to send the best
kind & of the same parcel we supplied the City of Newyork & the
Contractor & Storg Acknowledge he was never so well served — it is too
late to send any more to Albany this season or I would send a few casks
to exchange for the thick which if it proves as must have been accidently
mixed — It is as much for our Interest as the Purchasers to make
it as thin as possible for the thicker it is the less we make by
manufacturing it — The best Oil is now 125 Cents here
& very scarce this Season

I am &

11 mo 29 1803

John Mayhew

Since I wrote the on 26 the Ship Mary Capt James Coffenhall having determined on going to Philadelphia I have put on board Casks of best Sperm Oil from Head Matter and 9 Casks Strained from Body Oil 96 of the former and 445 Gallons of the Latter which from its great scarcity I presume will do well if it should be entirely convenient for thee to anticipate upon this Shipment in part in thy Payment to S & MB it will particularly oblige me but if not I do not wish thee to do it - It is a favour I rarely ask & never without regret - The Mary sails the first Wind - Norton also came in this evening loaded in Boston - I am &c

11 mo 30 1803

Philep & A Chase

Your Letter of 28 was handed me this day by J Coffin that I could not reply to it by return of the Mail nor could I until this evening give you any Information - A Packet has just arrived from Nantucket by which I find Coley & Folger was to sail yesterday morning for Boston but as the Weather has proved I apprehend if he went out he returned again - I recommend to Isaac Coffin to keep the bill Lading & follow your directions presuming if the Vessel arrived with the Money Capt Folger will have no Limitation in delivering it without the bill of Lading - If it comes to my Care you may depend upon my attention to follow your directions I am &c

Leonard & Crocker - 12 Mo 1. 1803

Your Letter of yesterday I rec'd late this evening and considering that

we have act considerably to settle
am unwilling you should wholly turn your attention
another way & altho the price of 8 ₤ 5 ₤
Ton for New Sable Iron is much below what
it can be afforded for. I have concluded to let
you have from 40 to 80 Tons if you will
leave me at liberty to decide next week as
I expect an answer in a few days for a
part I have 80 Tons was all our Ship brot
I am &c

Thomas Dickason Esq. Newl. 1803

Since my last of 9 me I am
without any of your ever esteemed favours
am transmitting to my friend R Hazard
the information you communicated to me relative
to his Claims on the British Government,
I am much surprized to find a very important
error in the distribution of the sum awarded for
the America Brown one fourth only being
assigned him & one half to John Jones for
Jones & Clarke when it was directly the reverse
viz to Hazard & viz to Clark, how this error
could take place is mysterious, as the very
letter you were so kind as to send me a Copy of
which I now return, explicitly states under
the hand of both Houses, how the Property of
the America belonged & assigned viz to Hazard
& Robinson & proof was in the hands of Jam[s]
Williams Esq[r] that Robinson had assigned
to Hazard his Claim I presume this must
have been a Clerical error which may yet
be rectified & that you will be able to reclaim
the 1/4 viz 9 Tuns & I am sorry to give

you to much trouble, but such is Hazards situation that I am extremely anxious to obtain all that belongs to him - & solicit your attention to recover this sum as it is more easily to resort to Jones & Clark for money which Punno must have known was never claimed by them - On conversing with my friend Hazard I find it was never his intention that the Award for his claim in the Eliza Rider should go into the hands of John Punno for the Account of Jones & Clark but to account with him for his proportion & Either more than one fourth the exact part he has not yet ascertained from Jones & Clark he owned half that vessel nearly & the whole was insured of Course his claim is for more than ½ - I hope in a few days to obtain some evidence from J & Clark on this subject - & I request you to take another View of the returned Copy to see if Hazards remedy is not good against Punno for his part of the money no doubt Punno knew the standing of the property & if so had no right to absorb it for the payment of Jones & Clarks debts * It appears by the general list of awards published by our Government that for the Cargo of the Eliza an award was made to James & Eco Punno for £262 .4.1 out of that sum the freight is due to the ship - but whether the documents forwarded are such as to enable you to ascertain & claim it I am uninformed, if you find it practicable, I crave your attention thereto as I know not where to

find Penmans ~ I enclose you a letter from R. H to G W Erwins which will fully explain the business of the America after reading it to forward to him I also send you the Affidavit of John Robinson the former partner of R H Erwins not only the Claims but the rights of 76 and 80

your attention to these several matters will much oblige Your unfortunate but very worthy man & also yours &c —

Arnold Welles 12 mo 3. 1803 —

I find several of my Notes for Premium are now about 4 Day Stay

1	Dated 7 mo 21 —	Elizabeth —	$ 1101
1	do	Do	Diana	361
1	do	9 mo 5 —	Elizabeth —	201
				1563

For that sum I now inclose thee my Check & request thou will send my notes when opportunity offers — What will be the premium upon the Elizabeth at & from this to Charleston at & from thence to her Port of discharge in Europe — & what addition to continue to risk to the Baltic & back to this Port they information will oblige thy &c —

Joseph Taylor 12 mo 3. 1803

My note for $m on Goods from Petersburg & Ship Sally Endicut to New York falls due

on the 14th Current — I subjoin my bill on [illegible] Boardman which I wish thee to collect for $774 & inclose my Check for $224 — the balance. the Note please to send me

I am &c —

Samuel & Miers Fisher

12 Mo 6. 1803

I wrote you on 21st Ult & Mail & requested you to remit to Ogier & Maxwell Charleston $5,000 & hoped in ten days after to enable you to send on $5,000 more in Cashiers drafts on the Bank — on 26 Ult. I requested Bigelow & Stroud & John Mayhin to pay now what they could which I expect will together exceed $5,000 — which will doubtless remit you also $1210 I am in daily expectation of more money in New York that I think I shall soon be able to make up the sum of $15,000 — and shall probably if I can easily do it augment it till $20,000 in the course of 6 Weeks. The Elizabeth will probably be here until the Middle of next Month but I want the Cargo all ready on her arrival. As fast as those payments are made you I request you will forward Cashiers draft if it be obtained not to make now trouble in remitting less than 2 or 3000 at a

time — The Ship Mary James Goggeshall
is now bound to Philadelphia for freight the
Capt & Benjamin Lincoln who takes his passage
in her owns the Ship I have mentioned you
to Lincoln, she is a new fast Sailing Ship of
about 200 tons, will like to take Seed for
Ireland — By this Ship we have sent a few
Casks of best Ale to J Mayhew if you are in
want of a Cask you may call upon Mayhew
for it — The Mary has been several days waiting
a fair wind it is yet at SW & more like the
5 Month than winter — — — Jam&c —

I hope you have been able to obtain from Jones
& Clark a Statement of the Eliza's Acct as respects
Hazard & Robinson & I find by the List of Awards
that £1947. 11. 4 has been awarded for the Brig
& the first instalement paid to John Lamb
London which he has absorbed in a debt due
him from J & C if they are responsible & will
account with me I shall be satisfied but
if not shall call on Lamb who I conceive
had no right to apply it to J & C's Acct. The
freight is also due that Vessel & Award
made to James & Edward Penman £2172 —
4. 1 for the Cargo of course they must pay the
freight but whom they are I know not. What
information you can obtain in from J & Clark
I shall be glad of & wish if possible to obtain
a Statement under their hands of the Amount
owned by H & R & the sum insured on their
Acct. J & C were authorized by the Underwriters

to claim for them & H Hazard authorizes the payment to J Turner Esq as but for his own Acct & not for J & C however if they will account for the first Payment after deducting what belongs to the Underwriters & give me an order to receive the remainder in London I shall be satisfied

I am &c

Isaac C Wells

12 Mo 10. 1803

Thy letter of the 6th I duly rec'd & observe the error I made in filling the Check which I now correct & will take care to include $ 74 with it which I owe to Joseph Taylor & shall be obliged by thy paying it to him — I have not yet determined upon the Insurance by the Elizabeth — 4 ₰ Cent last year included going into port for Orders which will not be the case now. I expect if Hazard should be blockaded she will go to one of the neighbouring Ports Fuamy or Dunkirk or else to Dunkirk —

I am &c

J W. $ 60
J. S. 74
$ 134

12 Mo 10. 1803

Josiah Bradlee

I have this evening rec'd thy letter of yesterday & observe thou hast shipp'd one 104 empty Casks. Casks

that have been soaked with Sperm Oil we value much before those that are dry & such ought not to come to us here, higher than $1 ℔ Cask & second hand Casks that have been a Voyage in Iron Hoops will not be of more Value than those — I hope thou hast purchased them so low & can make a saving yet with Capt. Howland so that they may not be more than $1 — here as they will not be worth more — and if there in any Sap in the Staves they generally prove rotten in the voyage if not filled with Oil — We have no Candles yet, we expect a Vessel for Boston after next week, & shall send thee some more Oil — I am &c —

Benjamin Hoxsie Nov 12th 1803

I have now the pleasure of announcing to thee, the arival of the Washington after 45 days passage with 5000 bls Salt on ~~her arrival~~. Salt & 37 bbls Pork not being able to get Salt on her arrival he went out & cruizing five days killed 11 whales (small) last two by endeavouring after a large one he found the weather very bad — was once obliged to shift his Cables & go to sea, to avoid the Rollers after two days returned & obtained them — The Henry belonging to Gideon & Albert Gardner caught one Whale on

her passage to the Island which made 110 bbls & one other Ship 50 bbls those two Parcels arrived to day at Nantucket & with about 3 fours more will make the whole Stock of Sperm Oil on the Islands now has arrived there not here since I wrote the except our Ship Montezuma which came out 760 bbls Sperm & 500 bbls Whale, the hands shares we brought at $70 the Body & $100 the head matter so very scarce is that article that all we have been able to obtain about 2/3 we have found a very ready market for, to meet us here about 120 cents pr Gallon & sold as fast as we could get it to Market The Maria is daily expected with only 600 bbls Sperm Oil from Delago & the Sarah with 200 bbls we have not heard of more than 200 bbls more in 3 other Ships at Delago - none of which are yet arrived two or three ships from the Pacific have been long looked for at the Island but as they belong to Manufacturers who have no stock, it will not be sold, and all of it will find a Market in this Country, we expect all our Strained & pressed will find a sale before the supply from the Government will be exhausted about

30,000 Gals by a Coalition last year in 439
which we had a good Show we obtained 135
for press'd & 125 for Strained & by proper
management more may be had next
Spring. There cannot be a Barrel for
expectation before next Sale — The Com
said Wine & Adm wrote thee from
Boston of the Insurance done upon the
Wareham, he also got done Insurance
for me upon the Sun at 12/ a part
at Jamaica 15 to return 5/ in case of the United
States not being at war & returning safe —
at the two public Offices. I shall take
out the Oil & some salt here as the
Casks cannot be landed without taking
down without it & send her on to
New York & then determine what else
to do with her on A/C having fixed in
settling in New York, I shall put her
under her care — Please to give me
the balance due to David Stoner &
Wm Hughes in the 76 & that I may
settle with them — by a letter from
J D & C last week I am informed she was
arrived upon which I congratulate thee
thou understood my substituting the
name of Sisters for her Capt Wortman
refusing paying the Bill Owen Owen
sent me upon him for £65.6.6 says
he was not bound to pay it unless

recovered of the Underwriters for his
note which he has not done — of this
thou will please inform him & if he has
any proofs of Watermans being holden
he had better send them to some persons
here — Bff is about sailing again in the
Diana for the Pacific Ocean —
I cannot find a Ship that suits me for Baxter
good Ships are now rarely to be found in hands
that will sell — I shall avail myself of the
first opportunity — I think I wrote thee Ray is
gone in the Rover, owners W & F & J H H -
I am -

Thos Dickason & Co. 12 mo 13. 1803

Craving reference to my last of
which the preceding is Copy. I am much
obliged by duplicate of yours of 30th Sept with one
of 13 Oct. which came to hand last week I am
very glad to find the Ms Ed was in. also that our
friends had further remitted you £337-4-8
which falls £500 short of the sum they mentioned
to A B they applied to remit. I have not
yet rec'd their Acquiescent. doubtless the difference
will be accounted for in remitg to Amsterdam
for R° 50,000. for the Baltic Cargo. I have Cr you
the Com. p Williams for R Hazard, award &
also the small bill of £11-11/.
The Wareham arrived on the 10th with
a Cargo of Salt 55 Tons Sp &c I am
Lewis De Barque 12 Mo 16. 1803
On the 3d of this month only
I received thy favour of 17th July, covering
Power of Attorney, thy demand upon the

Crews of the Several Ships &c particular attention shall be paid thereto and their Contents I shall herein reply to after communicating the melancholy information of the Sudden decease of Capt Israel Hussey he arrived home on the evening of the 6th Inst in high Spirits and in better health than he had been for three years on the 10th his Brother Mark Coffin reached this from New York on the 11th at night Capt Hussey was taken very ill & continued declining very fast until yesterday morning 10 Clock when he expired he has left an amiable & disconsolate Widow with three fine Children to lament his loss

This day the Edward Capt Brock arrived here with 600 barrels Whale Oil he left Cape of Good Hope Oct 12 in Company with the Experience late Starbuck Capt Coffin 100 bbls Sperm & 160 bbls whale also found directly here Capt Starbuck was taken sick in Delago bay & died on the 3 of 9 mo September heavy news to his family & friends finding very poor fishing in the bay they all left it 2nd of 8 mo Accts Ganges 900 bbls Cyrus 900 Columbus 500 all whale these had no Acct of Hostilities & were going off the Prussian Isles. the Texas 200 bbls whale stop'd at the Cape & hearing the war left Saldanha Bay & yet undetermined what to do a Ship East South from Dieppe was

left at the Bay without Whale — Should they come to this Country we may not expect them until Spring — I have no Jeet of the Hector since left in the Pacific Ocean by Capt Micajah Gardner by him I received & forwarded a letter to thee from Capt Rawson he had but little Whale — I now return to thy private letter of 17th July and can say on behalf of J H that persuaded of his being a man of integrity I consented to endorse his bills which was required by the purchased ~~for Cash~~ Sam Parkman of Boston who I have no doubt took them at 2 p Cent discount — as the Ship was purchased for Cash I do not think he could have done better, I have often found that during the summer bills are very dull sale & frequently are under par, at par I sold them myself the last summer although I can now obtain 6 p Cent premium — they are very fluctuations but those who are acquainted with the business can when not driven to the necessity of raising money on the Spur of occasion wait those advantages — I was knowing to Capt Swain shipping some Staves in the Jefferson, but quantity I cannot I am ignorant of — yet have no doubt if his account was right, it was certainly a great neglect in not mentioning it at a more early period. I am extremely sorry that your interest has been so unfortunate in the hands of several

of my countrymen but I can assure thee, I have every reason from the dealings I have had with him to believe them strictly honest, & I have no doubt conducts the business as well as he knows how. Our port furnished very many Ships compared with its size in the privateering business, & while some of them have made a great deal of Money others have constantly lost either by bad calculations in the Ports they got to or want of economy in the Masters or in the Managers. I have myself considered it so uncertain business since they must go abroad for business & from under my own agency, that I have carefully avoided it while many of my Neighbours have embarked their whole Capital in it — I am obliged by thy having made provision for payment of my bills — as I am a little indebted to D[illegible] it was my intention to remit a bill for the balance say £111.1.1 for my own Acct. it was for some time forgotten, but I expect in case it reached them. I had last week the pleasure of receiving thy favour of 12 Sept & am obliged by thy information of the State of your Market. I expect to send the Elizabeth to Charleston to load with Rice & Cotton for France & if any tobacco Oil arrives at Market that suits put some in the discharged last year at Havre that being blockaded I know not yet when to send her, if I knew Cotton would do as well at Dunkirk as the Seine, I should be pleased to send her to thee. My object is to apply the funds in a Russia Cargo &c

Jam &c

If Capt Moses was here on the arrival of the Hector & Columbus, he could reinstate those ships to the American Flag: when doubtless they would be increased in Value & sold here during the War — I am &c —

John Pearson Esqr Newb. 17. 1803

Shall I ask the favour of thy presenting for acceptance the inclosed draft Sam'l & Miers Fisher on Capt E Stocker dated the 9th Inst. for $1088 at 30 days sight & now its being accepted returning it to me — I shall be obliged by thy information & Capt Stocker it will oblige me if he will accept it payable at United States Bank Boston —

I wrote thee by last Mail & informed I had received thy letter inclosing $600 — since which I have heard nothing from Capt Howard —

I am &c —

Sam'l & Miers Fisher Newb. 1st. 1803

Your favour of the 9th I have rec'd this evening & inclosed the draft for $1088 on E Stocker to John Pearson Esqr Newbury Port for acceptance the result shall duly inform you of — I have a letter from J Hicks of the 9th saying he should that day or the next forward you 10 or 1200 Dollars It was hardly time

on the date of your letter to receive the remittance from Bigelow & Brown I suppose they are in Cash $2000 for my Acct. & hope I shall soon hear they have forward it – I intend writing them very pressingly this evening. Not being able to procure Bill on your City, I shall order more remittance from New York and now inclose you Saml Borden Bill on Minturn & Champlin at 3 days for $650 – If the Mary has arrived I hope J Maybin will pay you $4000. And Levi Jenny informs me he shall have in his hands in about three weeks about $900 which he requests Maybin to pay you for my Acct. & send him a Bill on me – I shall be obliged by your mentioning this to Maybin. If all these calculations are realized you will be enabled to forward $16,000 – & if I can make arangement for $5,000 more in next month shall probably do it. The Ship America (new 280 Tons is nearly ready for sailing Capt Tripp. if the weather continues moderate will probably sail next week for Philadelphia in consequence of my communicating to the owners your observations – I believe the Olympus is yet here but conclude ready to sail ~~by letter this evening from~~

I am &c

Jacob Barker 12 mo 17. 1803

I duly rec'd thy favours of 8th & 14th inst. Speedily pay thy drafts — barely at a very cheap rate I should not like a Ship without a register and had rather wait longer than purchase such an one —

I hope thou will be able to send me some Par by the Lydia 20,000 Dlls — I approve the sale of the Duck — and wish thou would forward sales of that & of the several parcels of Oil as also all the whale Oil ships & by brother Hazard, as all those articles, are for acct of different owners, I wish to get them to their respective Accounts — Bradley has long since sent us sales of all his & if thou cannot soon do it, I must conclude thou hast either too much business, or has not clerks enough — I am glad thou hast made something be the Cotton planter better than to divide a Commission with me — I am sorry we have not time to put some Oil on board the Lydia, but we have not much — if she does not go until second day shall probably & some can thou make it convenient to remit S & M & Philadelphia in course of 30 days one or two Thousand Dollars. I have made arrangements for $15,000 two that Channel for the Elizabeth

Cargo at Charleston, & as our Ships are not
likely to return with Whale Oil untill Spring
I see no prospect of getting a ton to put into
her & must provide $ 5000 more which
straitens me a little poor Isaiah Hussey
has very suddenly left us was buried yesterday
lived only 8 day after he reached home
& was then well Mark is here I crave
they can to forward the inclosed letter to
Francis or Holland by first Ships —
I am &c —

Jacob Barker — 12 Mo 20. 1803 —

I wrote thee to go by the Lydia but
yesterday wind continuing I sent it by yesterday Morning
mail this will be accompanied by 15 Casks more
Oil as p Invoice which is all we have been
able to get out by the Lydia Shall be glad of
20 bbl Tar respecting to my former & mail
Sales of Duck Whale & Sperm Oil I am &c —
are very much
wanted please to forward the inclosed by first Ships
to Francis or Holland it is duplicate of one
sent by Mail
I am &c —

Josiah Bradlee 12 Mo 20. 1803 —

I am obliged by the information
in thine of Yesterday I cannot see any
prospect of a Vessel to take salt to
Boston & have determined to send off the
Ship for New York the very first wind
we have no Whale Oil on hands in our
family, the Cargo of the Edward will
not be sold & and from recent account
our Vessels can hardly be expected

Castle Spring & Capt H will load the Casks tomorrow when I will take the Gauge of them & send thee an account. and I wish they may prove good enough to give thee Credit 2½ ₰ Cent on the purchase, which shall be done if they are — Jam & Hunt Holbrook

12 mo 22. 1803

Sam & M Fisher

I learn this day the Olimpus is going to Charleston not being ready in time they fear going up the Delaware & I expected to send you in this a Bill on N.Y. at 30 days date for $1000 - but have not made it. Maybin writes me he shall pay you $1000 more —

I am obliged by yours of 17th Inst: you $10000 remitted to S & M — I am pleased you have concluded to draw on B. Board rather than accept a dft on Charleston if that sum is ready pay $2100 & Maybin will pay the sum for Capt Jenny cleared in my last with the order thereon for $850 you will be able to forward to Charleston $5000 more —

Jam &c —

12 mo 22, 1803

Elgier & Maxwell

Craving reference to my last of 28 Ult requesting your inverting what funds you may have of mine on hand & what you may receive on my acct from S & M Fisher in Wilmington Cotton — I have now to add that Capt Delano desires you will also add the debenture you hold for his acct to my Cr & send him a Draft on me therefor

My friends at Philadelphia inform me they have sent you $10.000 in two Checks on United States Bank & they are nearly in funds to send you $5000 more —

The Elizabeth Capt Sherman (formerly mate of same ship) will be dispatched next Month to take in the Cotton & perhaps 300 Casks Rice — It was my

Intention to put in 70 Tons Whale Oil (which last year did as well as Cotton) but our Ships are not yet returned & their non arrival may keep the Ship here longer unless I conclude for her to go without Oil. In this case if I cannot easily make up funds to fill her with Cotton I may wish to take some on freight. Your opinion of the probability of obtaining freight & the terms for Havre or if that Port is Blockaded some contiguous Port as Bayonne or Dieppe. When you write please to mention what amount there is for Ships to freight to Europe. This goes by the Olympus Capt Skelton, to the Owners I have taken the liberty of recommending your house. Yours

12mo 20 1803

Obed Mitchel

I have been negligent of thy request in procuring the bills of Composition which I now enclose

George Dadley Bill 26 ps Spikes @ $32	$ 8-48
James Coy's 2d Sundries	185-26
	193 74
I also enclose a small bill of Lyd's for thy Brother Aaron for.	11-68
	$205 42

I shall be obliged if thou finds these bills right in having the amount paid to James Barker to my Ord

Yours

12mo 24 1803

James Barker

By the Fame we have sent the residue of the Oil pressd since the Lydia Sailed I doubt its being equal to the former. Since I wrote thee respecting remittance to Philadelphia I said by the middle of next month I shall want $ 1500 — and as Aben has a Bill that will fall due at that time for $ 1000, I wish him or thyself to remit the whole to D. M. Fisher

Aben on just entering upon business may want to command some money, & I request thou

456 wile accommodate him on my Account
with One thousand Dollars — Yours &c Wm Hotchkiss Jr
" "
* 4 Ca Rupodie 99 · 86 · 102 · 57 is 346 Gs
please pay my order to thy brother for $50 —

Josiah Bradlee 12 Mo 26. 1803 —

I have not been able until to
day to get an account of the Casks, it was
been more convenient for myself & Capn
How [illegible] to keep them on board the Vessel
Shew are 90 that are pretty good gauging $510
Gls & 17 — 900 that ought not to be called
more than half pence 1242 Gs — half 621
1131

several of those I am not fit for use & I think the
pence shou gives enough for them to be good —
I have entertained some hope S Russell who
is now fitting a Ship would take the Cask
with the addition of a Cord for the last
he does not like them very well — & I shall
gladly give them up at the Cost without
it. if I cannot get it but think to keep them
myself rather than shou should lose any thing
by them Some Sperm Oil is ready to go
by a Vessel that takes the whale Oil
from S Russell & Sons — I am &c Wm H —

I am & Miss Fisher 12 Mo 28. 1803 —

Since my last of 22 I am without
any of your favours. The draft I mentioned on
New York I have sent by Mr Baker who now takes
his residence there & I now avail myself of the
opportunity of recommending him to your friendship

of way shoud open to throw any business in
his way ~~shoud of~~ as a Commission Merchant
that draft for $1000 falls due about the middle of
next month & at that time I expect Jacob Barker
will also remit you with it $1500 more
I intend also to inclose you my bill on Tho.
Dickason & Co at 60 ds for five hundred Pounds
Stg which if Mayben pays the Money on Acct of
June & those remittances are made from New York
will enable you to send Capt Maxwell $5000
more making in the whole $20,000 — this is all
I at present calculate upon — If you should have
a ship for Brother Rodman I wish you to put into
her on my Acct 5 M best hogsheads & 5 M barrels
Staves seasoned if to be had — this I have his consent
for — — — — — I am &c —

Benjamin Rotch

12 Mo 28. 1803

Since my last of 12th Instant I have
received three of 9 Mo 22 informing of Gardners arrival
which I had previously recd from Lee & Co —
When he was here I advanced to Wm House $200 &
something to Tim House their father claims half the
wages of Tim & has called upon me for $100, I have
not yet p him — The shares or balances of Thos
Hughes & David Spooner I also wish to know as I have
advanced to them, I wish those two Houses to be
remitted thro' my hands to pay what I have advanced
together with some Insurances I made there for Capt
Gardner $120 50/100 Fredk Coffin $60 50/100 & Wm House
$12 50/100 — For these premiums together with the
balances of my letters of Credit to Wyer, Baxter
Lewis & on Lee & Co that sum & send to J & M Fisher

for Sale as I am in want of funds then to remit to Charleston to Load the Elizabeth out for France. John Sherman 1st mate last Voyage goes out Master of that Ship — The W— after Landing Whaling Appt & Sailed for Ny on the 24th to Owners A B Shaw given a bill of Sale of that Ship thinking it best & if a good offer is made I advise her Sale — & as Stiles mother has expressed an inclination to be concerned in a Speculation from this Country Ultimately to the Baltic, I have appropriated the proceeds of that Ship Sales of the Luck (viz 1120 & 21 Dolls) to that purpose adding on my own Acct a like amount & to do the same & have the Management — this I presume will be agreeable to thee — he left us Wpacket the day after the Ship & I expect both reached their port on the 26th having had fine winds — he is also to look out for a Ship for Boston & I hope will find one Coppered that she may be got out Early in the Spring — I am sorry thou did not send out Copper in the Wareham it is constantly brought for London held in Boston at 55 Cents

The Liverpool Waterman Coppered to the Bends & a Ship equal in Sailing to the Maria sailed this day for Pacific — On the 15th Isaiah Hussey deceased 8 days after he reached home (we for him) after 3 or 4 days illness. Mark was here at the time — and on the 16th the Phebe Brock arrived from Cape of Good Hope 600 bbls Whale Oil sailed for the Cape in Company with the Esperance Coffin Edwd Starbuck late Master having died on 7th mo after two weeks of a fever this Ship is daily expected with 100 bbls Sperm & 160 bbls Whale they left the Bay of Delago on 8 mo 23

with the Ganges 900 Cyrus 900 Columbia 500
& Hero B Hussey 200 ab Whale the Ganges Cyrus
& Columbia had no knowledge of the War & intended
off the Tristan d Islands the Hero stopping with
the other Ships at the Cape heard of the War & intending
for the same Coast will probably fall in with them
She left the Cape on 8 of 10 mo with the Maria Brightman
400 Sperm & 360 whale bound also there - the Barclay
& Rover (Rau) will also doubtless be on that Coast & as
all those 4 Ships had the knowledge of Hostilities I
think it highly probable they will hear of it & seek a
safe port - thinking one of those Copper'd Ships will
suit for Barter (& I have advised L & B to order them
sold some time since) I have not felt so much in haste
to purchase - yet do not mean to omit a good Ship
no later account fm the Hector than those last -
By this arrival we hear of the Triton Clasby fm this
Port & Dewain fm the Island with each 500 bbls sp. this is ale
the addition we have of - the Sarah Toby (J Hazard)
left the bay with 200 sp & 1200 whale can bring 300 Tons
Please forward L D B the intelligence in this - I have
written him by several conveyances to F -
We soon look for our brother & Sister from Hartford
with Ann Alexander - she with Richd Mott are
engaged in that neighbourhood - Our Connections
are in usual health & our dear Parents hold out
very well for their ages - I am &c

Capn Gwinn sold his bile to
A Barker & drew on the in my
favour for his balance

please request L D C to charge my a/c & S & W Fisher
for £500 - & the when it appears

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12mo 29. 1803

P S to Sr M Fisher of (28)

Capt Norton arrived this morng & brings me your obligg favour of 20th by wch I find J Mayhew did on the 19th pay you 1000 Dlrs & sd off on B & P seemed likely to put you in the expected funds, which I am glad to hear -

When your engagements will permit, I look into the Ehrs affrs wch J & C I shall be obliged, I dont know of any suffering by the delay & am sorry to give you so much trouble, I hope yr reply to the business of Elsloo will be in season to order the dft protested should the bills be indorsed

I am

12 Mo 31. 1803

Josiah Bradlee

Inclosed is invoice 24 Casks Sperm Oil gauging 1711 lbs @ 6/ the 17 called Straw'd is pressed from Body Oil & I believe is as good the other but chose to make the distinction, hope it will meet a ready sale - We have no Candles yet ready for Market - the Oil is on board the Oxford & she ready for sailing in the morning

If thou could send me one or two Tons of hhd hoops without any of the 4 or 8 head ets probable I shall order them by the Oxford

I have just recd thine of Yesterday & shall credit thy Acc$ for $213.93 for the Cask & if I can make any more of them will credit thy Comn.

I am &c -

Jona Hastings

12 Mo 31. 1803

Thy letter of 30th covering Randall's draft on Barstow for $984.50 is received, Barstow left this for New York about a week since, may be expected back in 8 or 10 days, when I will attend to have the bill accepted, unless I can find some

other person concerned in the Vessel who will be safe to accept it — I am &c

Leonard & Crocker

12mo 31. 1803 —

Your letter of this day is at hand I cannot furnish you with more than about 40 Tons Iron it is Stone & will not much difference with me for it to lay two months more, please to inform me what you will charge me for Rollers 10 to 20 Tons of Iron hoops half 3" & half 4" Sizes now delivering the weight recd & my payments of the freight each way — I am now in treaty for some for which I expected to give an answer last week — and shall be obliged by your reply by the return of Post — I am &c Wm

Abiah Barker

1mo 7. 1804

I am glad thou hast found a sale for the Salt altho' at a low price should thou find the Assize sound & can make an advantageous sale or Exchange with the Wareham the might answer the purpose I must submit it to thy judgement either to purchase her or to wait for another — If thou buys one remember we shall want 300 Tons good middling bread & flour for the Voyage & to take (of low price) for the Residence 2 Tons more — Stones may probably be put on board it a Freight Ship without subjecting to tonage which must be enquired at the Office — I am obliged by thy information respecting the Market at Teneriffe — Log wood (Campeachy) will be good Ballast to stow amongst the

the Cotton & Ishac stand in need of Ballast from hence if the Pic arrives, I wish to procure at 30 Tons of the Straightest that can be had if thou can engage it to come with the Lydia, or enough to load her I think less than 30 - I wish thee to purchase it if an American Ship is bought in Season it may come in her I hope to get some Pot ashes in Boston as both will be very ballast. As I shall depend on Jacob for payment for the Logwood, & the information has come through him, thou will do as delicacy will due to with respect to the Comt. perhaps if the Ship goes to Preble he will compensate - yet I feel very doubtful of the integrity of a house who charging but 2 ½ Cent will give ½ of it to gain Custom - it is in my judgement against their reputation, Delano on his arrival gave me a good account of Preble & brought from him some proposals Sales which did not bear Jan 76 but as they have not furnished acct Current, I am so much at a loss to account for the £500 short, that I think it reason enough to stop sending them property until I know myself satisfied in the past. St Martins Logwood is stated at Petersburg at 140 Rs Aleppo while Campeachy is at 35 - if thou can find any of it shall like to make the trial of a few Tons for that Market it

may be an error in the Price Current
I read for Smith. If there can find a
Price Current for Charleston & Lofwood
is cheaper there it may be best to purchase
now until the Ships get there
I am &c

An Order to Thomson Bonar & Co of Petersburg to be Shipped for Acct & Risk of Wm Rotch Jun & Co

50 Tons Best Clean Hemp
10 do Outshot do
20 Tons best 12 Head Flax
80 Tons New Sable Iron
10 Tons Old Sable do
10 Tons Assorted do 3/4 to 1 1/4 Inch Square mostly the Small
300 ps best Sail Cloth
100 ps Second Quality
50 ps Third Quality
50 ps Unbleached half Sail Cloth a kind we have rarely seen stouter than Ravens Duck

100 ps Ravens Duck } 200 of each if reduced to Comm.
100 ps Rems } Prices in time of Peace.

30 ps Drillings if above 30 ℔ Ars only 10 Piece
10 Beds of best feathers & Tick 7/12 pounds only in the
300 or 600 pounds Linseed Oil in Casks of the Small
size to ship in the Eliza, which tare & oil weighed about
16 or 17 Tons

An Order to Rathbone Hughes & Duncan for a Crate of plain Cream Colour'd Ware, —

12 Boal dishes assorted from 12 Inches to 2 Inches 2 of each Size
6 ditto Cover'd
3 doz. first Size Shallow plates
3 doz. second ditto
3 Doz Muffins Do
1 Doz. Baking dishes round 7 Inches
2 Doz ditto or patty pans 3 1/2 Inches
6 doz Quart & pints Basons 3 doz each

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A B mark of said cloth